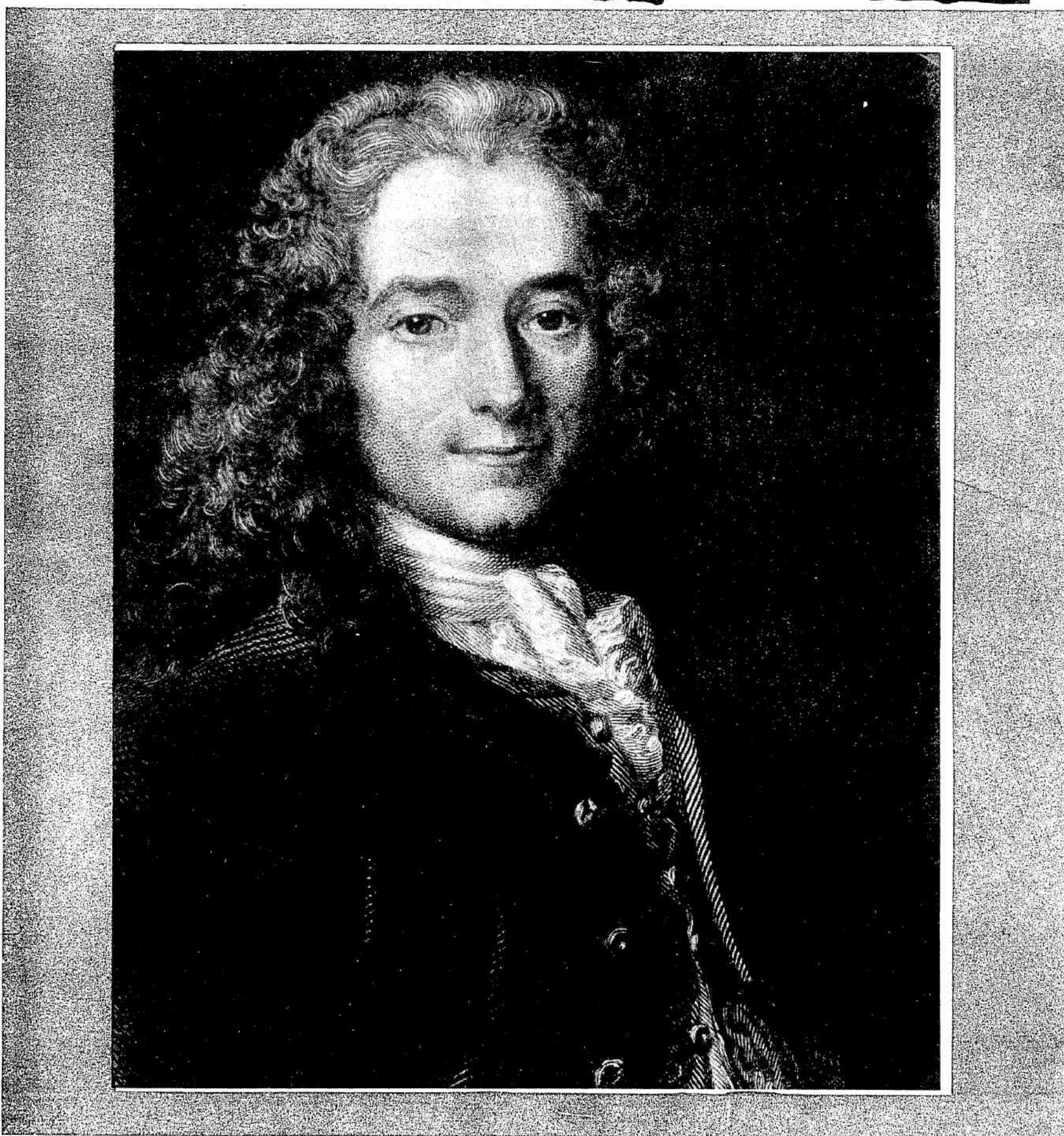


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with what you say
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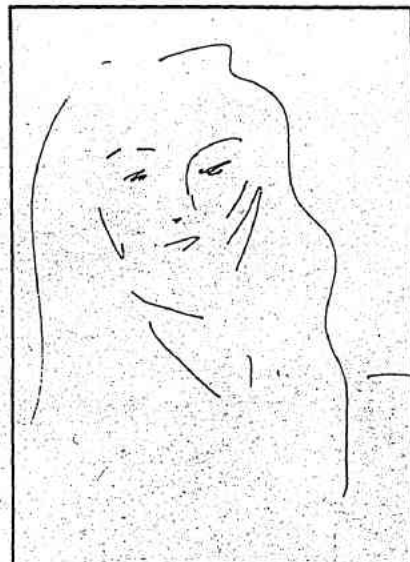
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Hamish
Ben

Editorial

For a full account of the recent conflict between the SA and *Woroni* see David Sutton's article on page 38-39. This is what the Editors think.

The conflict between the SA and *Woroni* is basically one of idealism and political pragmatism. The SA have behaved this way because they can, and are prepared to do all they can to minimise damage to themselves. Their claim that they are protecting the SA is farcical, criticism of their failures only helps the Association to improve, criticism of individuals, however, damages political careers which is their real concern. Ironically, the ire that surrounded the halt in the publication of the SA Exposure article was what

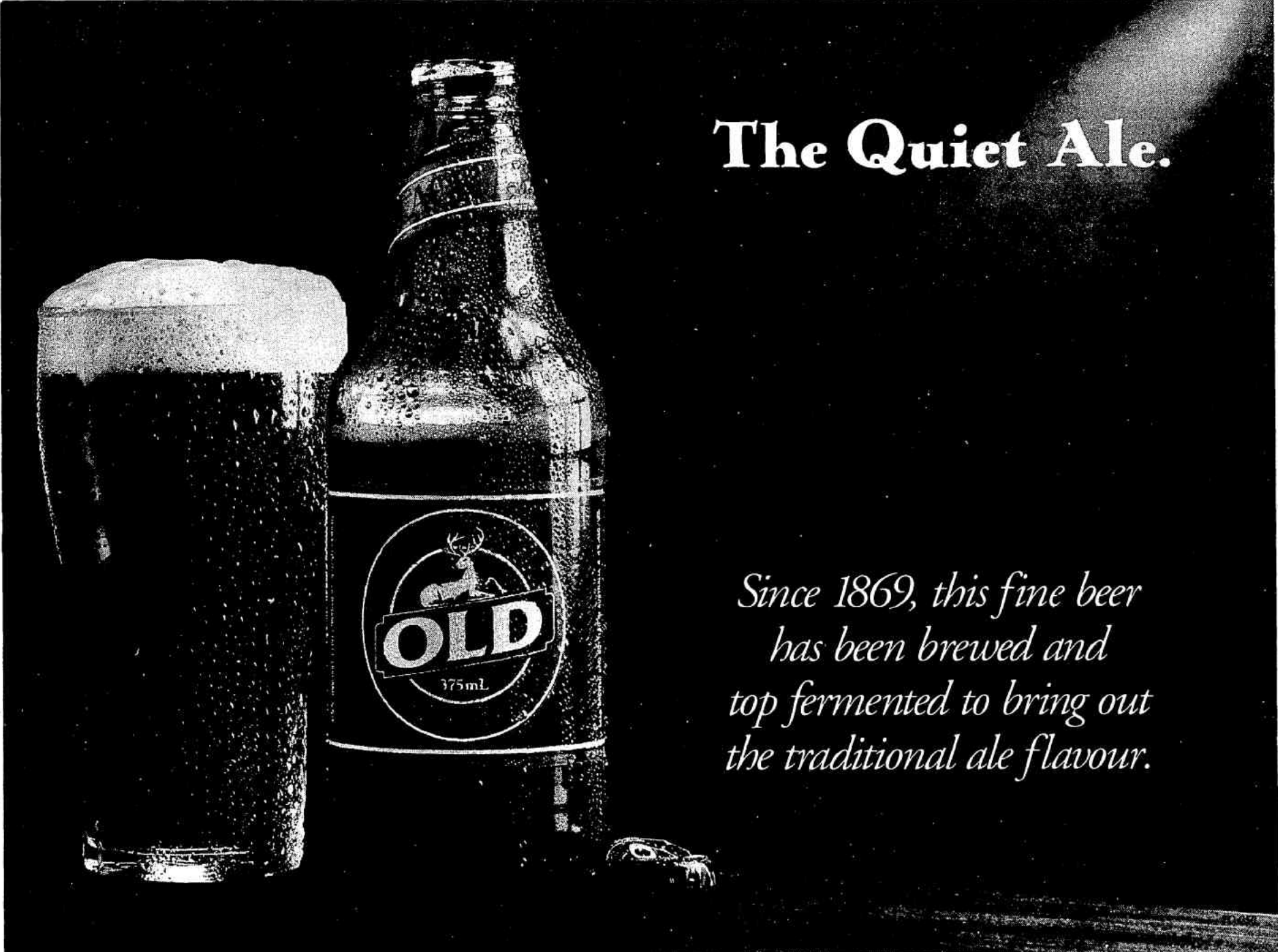
apparently prevented Kath from taking her desired place on the *Get Smart* union ticket.

Woroni is open to plenty of criticism and has received it and we have printed all of it. At one stage it was suggested that we only did so because we felt that the criticism's quality reduced its credibility. Exactly, while it is important to be careful not incite violence or racial or sexual hatred, in general people's opinions should be printed, as they stand for themselves. If the content is factually inaccurate—almost always this will be a matter of interpretation in these days of moral relativity—then one should print a response providing superior sources. This system is only endangered if publica-

tion is prevented. To use the law or the constitution as a pretext for censorship is invalid. Both are used merely as political tools. Defamation law is a joke which only benefits the rich and the powerful. The SA have demonstrated their contempt for the constitution through their behaviour over the DSP and the alleged editor's "resignations".

Nothing demonstrates the difference in approach more than Kath's reply to Matt Sag's question: "do you believe in freedom of the press and if the answer is yes, why should we believe you?". The reply was: "freedom for the press is for those who own the press". Kath was asked if she believed in a fundamental democratic princi-

ple, she responded in a neat sound bite saying that freedom of the press is unattainable due to the fact that money and power dominate political debate. This is probably true on a federal level, but it does not have to be true at University if the 'owners' do not wish it to be so. While the students of the ANU own *Woroni*, it is the SA which pays the printers and nominates the DSP. Was Kath saying that this "freedom of the owners" should be extended to University? Was she saying it was inevitable? Or was she unable to understand a theoretical question because she has had an ideological lobotomy and can only comprehend things in terms of her own political agenda.



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spleen

Dear Editors,
In the recent crackdown upon bicycle rider offenses, the vast population of ACT bicycle riders have responded with acute promptness; outfitting themselves (at great expense) with upgraded bikes and braking mechanisms, front and rear lights, pale visible clothing and a myriad of reflectors. Bicycle riders exhibit extreme caution at traffic lights, riding to the extreme left of the road in order to benefit quarrelsome drivers, stopping at pedestrian crossings and even giving way to pedestrians.

Such a response however is not due to the invention of the bike police. It is our concern for safety and the threat from numerous patrol cars driving around the central business district which is responsible for the improvement. So what use are the bike police? Are their services created to decrease the problem of unemployment? The answer seems to come back in a strong negative. The bike police are members of the official police force, chosen because they exhibit the willingness and ability to ride a bicycle in paid surveillance shifts. But what is the rate of crime that the bike police detect? Due to safety exhibited by responsible bicycle riders, it is very rare case when fines are given out due to the lack of the compulsory bike helmet. Thus, in the absence of fines, and consequently the lack of revenue, the government is expending money on an unnecessary service. Not only are the bike police not needed, but their methods of policing are also ineffective. While one driver can maintain a squad car, the bicycle police; despite their added alacrity of transport; prefer to take to the beat in twos. While this may appear to be perfectly reasonable in case of an incident with a roughneck bicycle rider; which would naturally require two large policemen

trained in self-defence; but of course this is rarely the case. Not to mention the fact, that the majority of bicycle riders are reasonable people, who take up bicycling to enjoy a recreational sporting activity. As at least half of these bicycle riders are women, the question must be voiced, since when is it necessary that two members of the bike police are needed to restrain a young woman for questioning, one policeman taking the front and the other policeman bringing up the rear, in order to block any escape? Obviously this exaggerated use of potential force brings us back to the age old problem of patriarchal dominance in our machinist police force. There are other issues also at hand; since when is it safe for a young female, at night in Civic, to stop for two strange men dressed up as the bike police? There is then, a much greater need for the bike police to go back to traditional police work, not only to deal with traffic offences perpetrated by automobile drivers, but also to keep the city a safe place to be at night.

Mcfaul

Vivienne

Dear Editors,

I was flabbergasted to learn that the President of the Student's Association manipulated the position of the Editors of *Woroni* for her own purposes. I heard rumours that the Editors had resigned but this was denied when I asked them myself. Who could possibly be responsible for the circulation of these rumours? It reaked of political manipulation. Could it possibly be a self-interested party? This year, more than any, there has been great antagonism between the editors of *Woroni* and the SA. If it was the SA who spread

these rumours, then I think that is a shameless abuse of power. It seems a despicable ploy, censoring our student newspaper, which they presently find disagreeable.

Yours sincerely,
Hamish Meffin

Dear Editors,

The recent article (*Woroni*, issue 8, volume 45, 1993) on animal experimentation carried the byline "John Smith". The unfortunate choice of pseudonym underlines the ignorance of the author about due processes in the University as these relate to animal welfare. The late Dr John Smith was the highly respected ANU Animal Welfare Officer until his untimely death this year. The misuse of his name in the *Woroni* article is an affront to the memory of this good man.

Your Faithfully,
Peter Jeffrey
John Curtin School Of Medical Research

Dear Sir/Madam

I have recently read Issue 8 of *Woroni*. It contained two articles under the headline "Foresters are Evil".

The articles were written by Glenn Phillips and Stephen Taylor who presented views which oppose the logging of native forests. The logging of native forests is a controversial and at times emotional issue.

Despite this, the writers generally kept to the facts as they believe them to be. No

where in these articles could I find anything to support the demeaning headline you provided.

The cartoon also showed that your editorial style is not only insulting, but also crude and immature. Your editorial comment and headlines does little to promote intelligent debate, as you consistently scrape purulent comments from your sewer vocabulary.

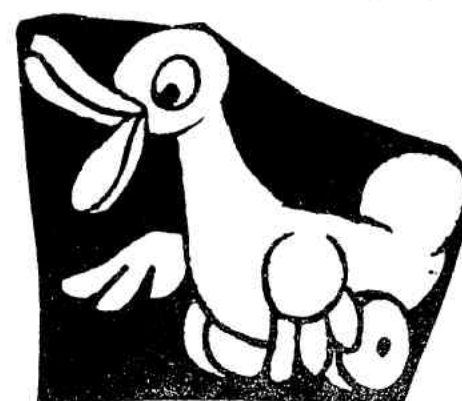
I hope that one day "Woroni" will have an editorial staff that does justice to the intelligence and maturity of the majority of ANU students.

Yours Faithfully
P Rutherford

Dear Ed,

It is amazing how many immature fuckheads are at uni. On Thursday, 19 August, a car full of—what I can only describe as young boys—thought it was a great joke to pretend to side swipe me as I walked along. The stupid morons didn't take into consideration that it was a dirt car park. The car went out of control only just missing myself, other parked cars and a tree. So if anyone sees a blue car, registration NSW, SJJ 448, have a good spit at it—because for all you know, it could have been your car that he just missed.

Signed
Extremely Pissed Off



LETTER OF THE WEEK

Dear Eds,

On Friday 27 August 1993, I was at the ANU to meet a friend for lunch. There was emanating, from the ANU Arts centre, the noise of drums being violently beaten. Closer investigation showed that it was a protest, intended to disrupt an address being given by Jeff Kennett. While I am no fan whatsoever of Kennett, and I can understand fully why people just don't like him, I was appalled that at a University, an institution which is in essence devoted to an exchange of ideas, information, concepts and theories, a person is denied the right to speak, and others are denied the right to listen.

It does not, I would argue, advance the cause of the anti-Kennett drum beaters one iota to behave in such a fashion. One would have thought that if these people had counter arguments to Kennett, and the courage of their convictions in those arguments, they might, in-

stead of stifling debate and discourse, participate in a provocative, intelligent, rather than reactive and unnecessarily childish way.

I might add that it is repugnant to any ideal of democracy that a group of persons, who do not see another's views as worthy, seek to not only silence that person, but prevent others from listening, and perhaps form their own conclusions as to what is being said. It is surely in the true spirit of the phrase attributed to Voltaire, "I may disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it", that persons, even Kennett have an inalienable right to their views, a greater right to say it, and society has the greatest right to listen, and to judge. Those rights exist for us all. If they are not good enough for the worst of us, then they are not good enough for the best of us, even the self-appointed.

John L Taylor
former ANU Student



Dear Editors,

Having weathered two union elections in my (time? years? torture?) at the ANU, I have become fairly accustomed to the door-drops, posters, and monotonous lecture-bashes that accompany the campaigning. I, foolishly perhaps, was under the impression that all that can be done to get me to vote either way (or to get me to vote at all) has been done and that surely, there are no other ways to waste paper and election resources. I thought wrong.

I, the hapless student meandering unsuspectingly onto campus this morning had the dubious pleasure of having, of all things, the *Spectrum* business card thrust into my hands. A business card? Is this possible? Has the ANU finally reached the heights (or depths) of election wanking? Can it be any more pretentious and affected than this?

This is especially ironic given that *Spectrum* has tried to promote itself as being somehow unconcerned with politics, (while standing for election to a university office,) and yet are swanning around like businessmen and acting like wankers. If they're this

moronic and stupid now, imagine how this pack of right-wing, self-involved, sycophantic, would-be politicians are going to manage the Union.

Yours Sincerely,
Rachel Martin

Dear Editors,

Just who are *Spectrum*?

With the Union Board of Directors election taking place this week, the Liberal Club's propaganda machine will be in full swing. College residents in particular can expect to see some colourful and intriguing interpretations of political fact coming from Bronwyn Bishop's Office via John's. In the interest of balance and to keep students informed, it should be pointed out that the *Spectrum* ticket is a Liberal ticket, no matter how much they twist the truth. Both Paul Cormack (1993 President) and David Roache (Self-anointed President for 1994) are prominent members of the ANU Liberal Club and the *Spectrum* ticket. If you wish to vote for them that is your prerogative, but remember that the current state of our Union is the direct result of consecutive years of Liberal(BMT) controlled boards. A return to this full-cost recovery philosophy will only see prices rise further and more students forced to take their business elsewhere.

Andrew Barr

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Editorial on the Student's Association

Without wishing to give the Liberals weaponry for attacking Green Alliance before the next election, we feel that this year's administration has been compromised by politicking. Most of the criticism is directed at Kath Cummins, largely because of an individually concentrated regime. The aim of this editorial is to give the Greens a kick-start with the hope that they will get their act together again, so that the Liberals will not be able to win just because the Greens lose it for themselves.

Through 1990-91, the Liberals, under the transparent pseudonym of Back on Track, broke new ground in underhand practices, financial mismanagement and generally undermining the student population. They suppressed student expression in *Woroni* and made decisions seemingly aimed at promoting their political careers at the cost of the students and mismanaged student funds.

Having wailed plaintively over these wrongs, Green Alliance eventually won office and actually did a few substantial things in 1992. This year's team rode in on their coat-tails, without any substantial opposition, and have sat around all year doing little other than patting themselves on the back for how sound they are. But within the first few months, the Students Association were having personnel management troubles, have possibly squandered student money on a defamation pay-out and were beginning to push their causes with complete disregard for student opinion.

President Kath Cummins began her career with an admirable start, making a deal within old Green Alliance members for pre-selection as the Presidential candidate, in return for the compromise of second preference Rebecca Mohr standing for General Secretary. Having won that, she became greedy and made a contrary deal with Cameron Bray to stand on her ticket for the same position. What followed was basically a very ugly fight—witnessed by Matthew Sag—in which Ms Cummins survived relatively unscathed but with a reputation for treachery.

Kath and Rebecca have not aired any differences publicly since, however the relationship between the Student's Association Executive and the Student Representative Council has been described as strained. Ms Cummins seems to regard the SRC members as her personal pool of secretaries, having them run around taking phone messages for her. This is not the purpose of the SRC and is an amazing waste of human resources. This has no doubt antagonise a large section of the SRC. There have been a number of resignations from SRC members this year, some of which are said to be directly due to inability to work with Kath Cummins.

Cummins's slogan is "Student Solidarity", an admirable cause considering the often callous University Administration. For the first time in years the relative 'left' of the Campus—i.e. those concerned with student welfare—gained control of the Union and the Student's Association and were going to be able to work together. For no publicly known reason, Cummins seemed to need an enemy and the Union was an obvious and traditional option. So the SA went about systematically undermining all relations with the Student's Union.

The situation with *Woroni* is similar—Ms Cummins has publicly attacked the Editors: simply for doing their job of editing, and vilified Matt

Sag for participating in a public debate she requested of him. She appears to us to be an autocrat, unable to work with anyone, only to preside over them. She not seem to have the diplomacy required for politics, unable to realise that it is in her interest to maintain good relations with others in positions of influence, rather than trying to dominate all political spheres. She apparently refuses to rely on anyone's advice and insists on making her own mistakes.

A lack of forethought may have been at the expense of the student populace. The SA was understandably against the proposal of changes for the First Floor of the Union Building. However last year's President, Amanda Chadwick, had already signed the agreement to go ahead with the changes, so there was no way out for the SA. However, there was the possibility of pushing for amendments of the original, rather cut-throat plan, that would drastically cut the space of the SA, Clubs and Societies and *Woroni*. Such a deal was organised between the Union board members and the SA Executive. But at the last minute, Ms Cummins is said to have claimed the amended agreement was contrary to the original, and so could not go ahead.

Unsurprisingly, the University decided this must mean that the only option was to revert to the original plan. What was Kath thinking? Never before has so little power gone so much to anyone's head. Apparently Ms Cummins presumed that, even with a signed agreement, the University could not go ahead with anything without the SA's consent and the whole plan would be scrapped on her whim. Instead, in our opinion, through lack of judgement, she put the student body at risk of losing the ground they had managed to gain.

The Mushrooms won their Union positions on a lot of election promises that they now realise they cannot fulfil. Some say they have accepted their restrictions too easily, but at least having faced them they have tried to do the best within their limitations. In our experience, Ms Cummins has the opposite problem: she continues to insist on getting what she wants when it is quite clear that is impossible. Instead of making the most of an unfortunate situation, she digs in, throws a tantrum and pushes aside any peace offerings, when they are not hers to refuse.

Within her first two months in office, Cummins taking matters into her own hands cost students \$1400 of their GSF. A letter was written to be sent to all potential advertisers of the **Orientation Handbook** and Stephen Byron's **Uni Guide**. The letter was approved by the SA's lawyers. Subsequently, Cummins allegedly added a paragraph to the letter and sent it without checking it with the lawyers. This paragraph stated that the Uni guide was being done for "personal profit" and "political gain" and was likely to be of "dubious quality". Surely any reasonable and responsible person would have known that Byron would hit her with a law suit, and of course he did so.



Having tried to play hard ball, Ms Cummins lost her nerve. When Byron threatened her with legal action, she caved in and is alleged to have settled out of Court with Byron for \$1400.

Cummins seems to see her time in office as an opportunity to leave her mark, not necessarily for having done something for students but as having her name in golden writing. The NUS affiliation campaign by the Student's Association is the clearest example of this. The NUS executive were initially reluctant to run a campaign, convinced it would be unwise within the next two years, as it was too soon after the last failed attempt. Perhaps Cummins wanted to be the President to have made the affiliation; it had to be done this year.

Cummins was left to fester in her bitterness. And fester she did. Her Presidents report was ugly, aggressive, offensive and political suicide. She managed to alienate hundreds of people in one fell swoop. The NUS referendum broke all ANU voter turnout records, with 2500 people voting. Matt Lobb gracefully said "C'est la vie" and thanked us for turning up in vast numbers. Ms Cummins claimed it was "undemocratic". She wrote of the plans for the next referendum, while the tally papers of these students opinions were still warm.

Fifteen hundred people voted against the affiliation: Cummins labelled them all Liberal stooges. The liberals would have one tenth as many supporters, so she was insulting about 1300 people. The SA kept claiming the referendum was a victory for the Liberals, which they gladly accepted. The great claim was that they were robbed, that the Liberals had run a "scare campaign" and had clouded the issues. Kath Cummins and Rebecca Mohr could be the next John Hewsons: they ran exactly the same line as the Liberals ran after having their bums kicked at the Federal election. They told 1300 voters that they were stupid, they had been had by a bunch of conservatives and their votes counted for nothing.

In our opinion, Kath Cummins has managed to alienate the SRC, the Union, the Press and vast numbers of the student population. As well as being bad karma, it is bad politics. It seems that the SA have closed their ears to student opinion and closed their minds to any suggestions. They seem happy to stand on their soap-boxes and pat themselves on the backs for being sounder than the Liberals. But the Liberals are not a satisfactory yardstick—being better than the Liberals is like being cleaner than mud. And just because the students do not have a better alternative does not mean the Greens can get away with appalling behaviour too.

CASHING IN - OR SELLING OUT?

It seems that the University, faced by constant funding pressures, is looking at establishing a research and technology park on campus. A feasibility study was recently commissioned to draft an outline concept for the 'ANU Research Park'. The present proposal is to establish a Research and Technology Park (RTP) for high tech research and development activities at the ANU in order to increase support from the private sector for university activities. The site mooted for this development is the area below University House on Acton peninsular. This area extends from Old Canberra House (the staff centre), and includes Lennox House. The area is regarded as 'environmentally sensitive' (ie: it has unique plant species), and the area also has great heritage value, being the site of the original buildings of old Canberra. It is vital that students' have an input into the development of the park, how it will operate, who will be employed and under what conditions, and which companies are interested in investing in, and conducting research at the park.

Experiences at other Universities.

RTP's are all the rage at tertiary institutions at present. Universities see their construction as an opportunity to draw investment and funds from businesses in the short term, and as a means of expanding research opportunities and ensuring the flow back of funds in the long term. To achieve these ends Flinders University (in South Australia) has already established a park, which operates as an entity separate from the Universities general administration. Stu-

dents at Flinders have a direct input into the operations and policy of the park through a series of committees.

At present the Federal government is attempting to establish a Research and Technology Park in Sydney - in conjunction with the University of Technology, Sydney University and the University of NSW. The government is proposing to site the park on an area already earmarked for community housing. In addition the government is proposing to fund the park with money from the Better Cities Program - money set aside to enhance the living conditions of our cities, not to develop money making research parks. Students at the three universities involved are opposing the current RTP proposal for Sydney. The grounds for this opposition are varied. Students are concerned about the loss of public housing in the inner city, and the use of funds inappropriate for an RTP development.

What are the problems with RTP's?

Whilst these concerns are specific to the Sydney proposal, students at ANU share similar concerns. These concerns centre on the nature of research undertaken at such parks - will it include military research, or unethical research practices? Also of concern is the employment of students at such parks - will such employ-

ment be paid and beneficial to the education of students, or will paid jobs be menial and unskilled? Will research scholarships that are offered to students end up being cheap research for multinational companies? And who will own the intellectual property that is the product of research in the park? The companies or the University? Will the nature of the research conducted in the park be beholden to the interests of the companies who are paying the University to be situated here? Perhaps most worrying is the fact that Universities are using their prestige and reputation to support private research at the expense of publicly controlled and publicly funded research.

At the next meeting of University Council, Council members will be asked whether they will 'in principle' support the establishment of a Research and Technology park at the ANU. Such parks can be beneficial, allowing students to participate at the

A Research and Technology Park at ANU?

cutting edge of technological research, and bringing extra funding to the University - which will eventually trickle down to the faculties via scholarships etc. Students and the wider community in general may benefit from the establishment of a RTP, however, if student and community concerns are not addressed, the problems faced at other Universities will be repeated.

If we must have a Research and Technology park at ANU, let's ensure that it is one which conducts ethical research, accounts for students in policy decisions, provides employment for both students and the wider community, and accounts for the environment in which it is sited. In addition, such a park should contribute to the growth of the University, and not merely allow large businesses to cash in on the prestige and credibility of one of Australia's finest research institutions, the ANU.

REBECCA MOHR



standing people up is really quite mean

I was at the ANU Arts Centre the other night waiting to see the Comedy Revue. Far more entertaining than the actual show itself (which was a bit of a dud), was watching the crowd. Especially those pathetic guys who've been stood up. There are always one or two about wherever there are movies, restaurants or theatres. You've seen them. They spend hours sitting on the pavement in the pathetic and, ultimately forlorn, hope that their date is merely delayed. I realised that this human suffering could have been so easily avoided if only the absent young lass had been able to think of an appropriate excuse beforehand. So, in a purely humanitarian attempt to prevent further occurrences, I have compiled some ideas to assist those of you who have been invited somewhere by someone whom you would rather not associate with.

Previous Engagements

The class of excuses that leaps to mind first is, of course, the Previous Engagement. This is the staple in the diet of rejections, much loved by women everywhere. The breadth of variety within even this single category is breathtaking. We can start from the simple: "I'm sorry, but I've got my Kendo class on Friday nights". Leave it for him to infer that you would rather spend time being beaten about the head and shoulders with a bloody great stick than be with him. Alternatively, there is also the option to combine this strategy with the idea of making yourself seem less desirable as a partner: "I'd love to come, but I'm running a time series experiment on my Dengue Fever Virus," not only says that you are a complete Science Nerd, but also that you may carry some virulent disease, an offputting combination to all but the most ardent (or desperate) pursuers.

Study

But, like bread, one cannot survive on Previous Engagements alone. Variety is the spice of life, and in our case, Study provides the variety. Again, a whole range faces us. The reliable: "I've got a pretty big essay due in on Friday, and I'll be working pretty hard on it til then" is, as you would expect, always

reliable. Alternatively, if you weren't accepted at any other institution and are, for want of a better word, "studying" at UCAN you could explain that you have some colouring in to do tonight. Those of you unfortunate enough to be ADFA cadets (or should that be cadettes?) have yet another option. That parade tomorrow could mean that you'll be spending your night practising marching up and down a field instead.

Hygiene Considerations

These can be further divided into two subcategories, yours and his. Under your own hygiene considerations there is the almost legendary: "I have to wash my hair", or the increasingly common variant: "I have to shampoo the dog." A genuine crisis may call for such excuses as: "I'm draining the pus from my boils". or: "I've got to empty my colostomy bag", which not only provide an alibi for the date, but indeed ensure that the boy in question never bothers you again.

The category of his hygiene considerations is more direct in its nature, and offensive in its execution. Essentially, all that is necessary is to identify and complain about some unpleasant personal problem of his. Hence we have: "I'd come, except that you smell". or: "I'm sorry but I can see hair protruding from the back of your t-shirt".

Boyfriend

One of the most rock solid excuses you could ever have is a boyfriend. It's not always applicable, but when it is, it's very effective. Especially useful if he is a mouth breather, has a black belt in some Oriental martial art, and is built like the proverbial brick toilet facility. Indeed, you need not even use your boyfriend as an excuse to decline. Instead you could ask if he could come along as well. This is especially effective if you don't show up yourself.

The supernatural

The examples that we have provided so far are only useful if you think of them at the time of asking. If you accidentally get panicked into saying "Yes", and only later come to the horrific realisation of the enormity of the blunder that you

have just committed, then help is still at hand. An appeal to the supernatural is often helpful. This can be done in two ways. The first runs something like: "I'm sorry but I've just read my horoscope for today and it says to avoid all commitments this week." That you believe in astrology, and hence, by implication, also in numerology, aromatherapy, the Easter Bunny and the usefulness of Demtel products advertised on TV, is as likely to scare him off as your refusal.

The other technique, also equally successful, is to say that you can't make it due to some act of God. Lightning is a possibility, having struck your car for example, or even your grandmother. Floods may cut you off from the front door. A tornado could carry you to the Land of Oz. Scotty might beam you up. The possibilities are endless.

Medical Disasters

A further productive vein to pursue is that of the plethora of medical disasters that may befall you, preventing your appearance at the designated hour. Pleading that you have sustained a serious papercut or badly stubbed toe may extricate you. More desperate times may call for more desperate measures: "I'm having chemotherapy that night" usually works, as does: "I'm having my liver removed." Psy-

Look Nigel I think you've given me bubonic plague, so Friday's off.



chological disorders such as multiple personalities are also useful to cultivate. Claiming that your other personality made the date, but has since gone on holiday to Peru will certainly get you out of trouble.

Family

Finally, we touch on the realm of Family commitments. This can often be combined into other excuses, as outlined before with granny and the thunder God. However, it needn't be. Consider: "I'm being inseminated to be a surrogate mother for my sister". However: "I'm rostered to work at the family Escort Agency" may backfire and is best avoided. If caught in a tight spot: "I'm sorry, Mum's cooking a lamb roast tonight," has never been known to fail, even to those not accustomed to hearing: "No".

So there we have it. You should never be caught without an excuse again. Some enterprising soul might like to speed the process even further by compiling a complete numbered list of excuses. Then, rather than having to remember precisely why you can't make the date, you could simply reply: "Twenty seven", "Fifteen", or perhaps "Eleven with a Thirteen on the side". Hence, with a little luck, my unfortunate experience of the other night need never occur again.

(Name withheld by request.)

Sexual Harassment Is Unacceptable

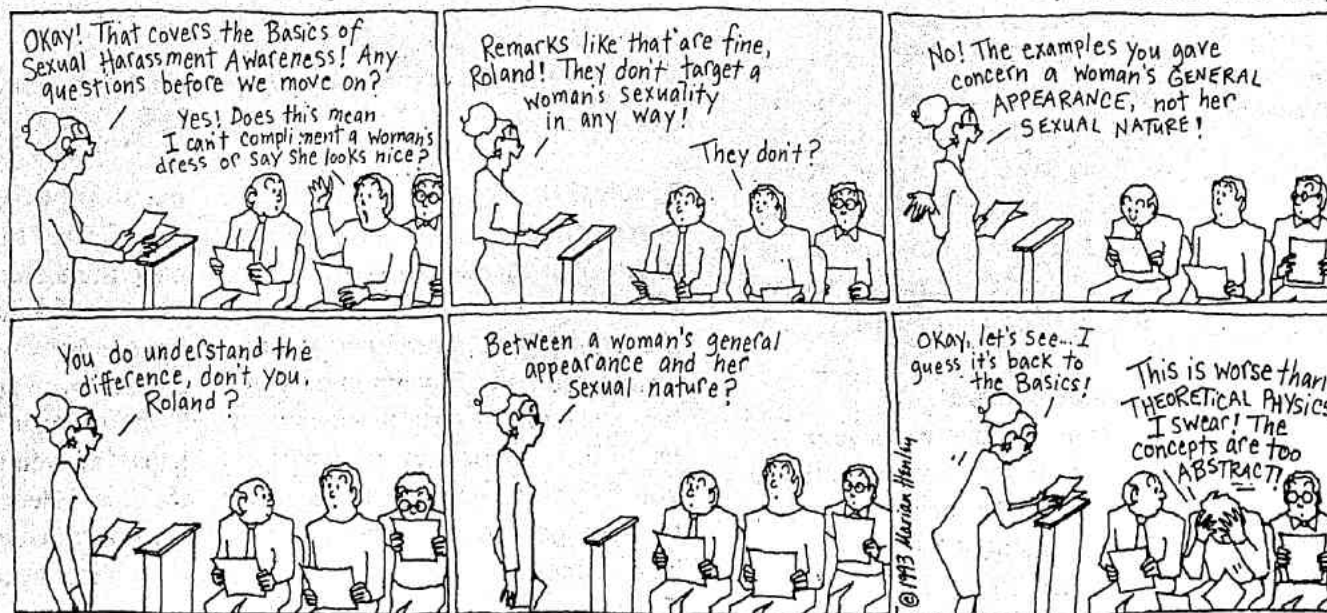
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ANUSA Campaign Against Sexual Harassment, in conjunction with UCAN

Maxine

by Marian Henley



MABO AND THE "J" WORD

The current *Mabo* debate is, I think, a modern recurrence of a very old argument: the argument between Socrates and Thrasymachus about the nature of society. Socrates, you will recall, thought that society is, or at least ought to be, governed by Justice. Thrasymachus thought that "Justice" is a mere fiction which masks the fact that society is really governed by power.

The supporters of the *Mabo* decision are like Socrates. It is almost impossible to find an essay or article or speech by a pro-*Mabo* advocate which does not base (or at least buttress) its argument with an appeal to the necessities of justice. Such is the language of the pro-*Mabo* lobby: "we must retreat from past injustices" (the High Court in *Mabo*; the emphases in this quotation and those following are mine); "*Mabo* establishes a fundamental truth and lays the basis for justice" (Paul Keating in the Redfern Park statement, 10/12/92); "this is a question of justice, not about guilt" (Mick Dodson, *Late Night Live*, 2/7); "I would say that for reasons of justice it's not an option to ignore the High Court" (John Fahey, *Australian* 9/6); "all we are trying to see is that justice is done" (Charles Perkins, *Australian*, 14/6); "simple justice required that the law respect their [i.e. the aborigines'] rights" (Hal Wootten, *Sydney Morning Herald*, 29/7). Etc etc. The large part of pro-*Mabo* advocacy is thus founded on a conception of society which is essentially Platonic: the only good and functional society is one organized and regulated by, and ruled according to, the dictates of justice.

At the bottom of the anti-*Mabo* advocacy is, on the other hand, the Thrasymachian position: that society is governed by power; that power is the glue of our civilization. Justice? Justice has nothing to do with it. What is crucial is the stability of the institutions and structures (our system of land titles, our banking and financial houses, the mining industry, the farm sector, etc) which hold society together. The High Court's decision is therefore *dangerous*. It threatens to

upset the stability (order) of those institutions: the conglomeration of power relations which make up our society. Hence the fear of the *uncertainty*—how many times do we hear that word, "uncertainty" from opponents of *Mabo*? It is not injustice they fear, but "uncertainty". If there is too much uncertainty the social compact will be destroyed and the Australian nation will dissolve. Thus: *Mabo* has plunged large tracts of Australia into a "turmoil" (Ian McLachlan, *Weekend Australian*, 15/5); we face "chaos" (Frank Walker, *Canberra Times*, 2/8); Western Australia at least will "just come to a halt" (Richard Court, *Australian*, 8/6), or perhaps secede (Richard Court, *Weekend Australian*, 8/5); *Mabo* is indeed "a crisis which contains the seeds of the territorial dismemberment of the Australian continent and the end of the Australian nation as we have known it" (Hugh Morgan, *Weekend Australian*, 31/6); "the heart of the cohesion of the nation as a whole" is in question (Tim Fischer, *Australian*, 11/6). Worse, we are in danger of toppling into a literal Hobbesian state of nature: we are threatened with civil war, with being "Balkanised" (Paul Everingham, *Australian* 10/6); people will be robbed of their very backyards (Richard Court, *Australian*, 21/6). And the most terrible potentiality of all, our civilization will regress into primitivism: we shall become like the Aborigines, a "Stone Age people" (Henry Bosch, *Age*, 27/7): "Australia could go back to being a stone age culture of 200,000 people living on witchetty grubs" (Rob Davies, an investment banker, *Australian*, 14/6). Such is, or threatens to be, it appears, the devastation wrought by the High Court's assault on the stable power relations which support Australian civilisation.

Thus it is no surprise, I think, that those who are hostile to the *Mabo* decision rarely—as if of a pathological inability—utter the word "justice". When Geoffrey Ewing of the Mining Industry Council is interviewed all he can say is that "we don't have a perspective on the *social commentary* side of it" (*Late Night Live*, 29/6). Justice is too lofty a word it seems; better to use the euphemistic

phrase "social commentary", and even then only to deny it is something important enough to have an opinion about (see also the Mining Industry Council's recent full-page newspaper advertisements: the word "justice" does not appear in one of them; at best, it seems, *Mabo* raises merely a set of "social and legal questions"). Similarly, anti-*Mabo* advocates are loathe to characterise the High Court's decision itself as a decision in justice. The decision is instead an "adventure" (Ian McLachlan, *Weekend Australian*, 15/5), a "naive adventurism" (Hugh Morgan, *Australian*, 1/7) which has "opened a can of worms" (Richard Court, *Australian*, 4/6). Alternatively, the *Mabo* decision is "somewhat curious" and will perhaps be reversed (Jeff Kennet, *Australian*, 9/6); certainly it ought not be extended to mainland Australia (Coalition's *Mabo* subcommittee paper); or perhaps *Mabo* was a utilitarian "calculation" in which the High Court failed to take note of the "costs and benefits of change" (Ian McLachlan, *Weekend Australian*, 15/5); weirdest of all, the *Mabo* decision involved a weakness, a giving in to temptation (Geoffrey Blainey, *Quadrant*, July/August). Anything, anything, but a decision in justice. And insofar as the anti-*Mabo* advocates do talk about "justice" they must first stigmatize it: justice therefore becomes "guilt": the *Mabo* decision is couched in the "lan-

guage of the guilt industry" (Hugh Morgan, *Australian*, 1/6); the "guilt industry" have harmed the *Mabo* debate by their ignorance (Tim Fischer, *Australian*, 21/6); the Prime Minister wants the Premiers "to take on board his concept of guilt" (Jeff Kennet, *Australian*, 11/6) and is afflicted with "guilt-speak" (Hugh Morgan, *Weekend Australian*, 31/7); "we" [who is this "we"? non-aborigines, no doubt] are in danger of being "emotionally blackmailed" (Peter McGauran, *Australian*, 17/5). Again: anything, anything but a decision in justice.

The ancient Romans, in their rhetoric at least, said *fiat justitia ruat coleum* (let justice be done though the heavens fall). Would *Mabo*'s opponents make such an eloquent boast? Even just for the sake of boasting? And yet, shall we believe for a moment, with Plato, that there is such a thing as Justice? Yes? Then let us say that with *Mabo* the High Court has dropped an acorn of it into Australia. That mere acorn has caused the chicken-littles of the anti-*Mabo* lobby to cry in terror that the sky is falling.

What ever shall we do if, one day, it is more than an acorn? Whatever shall we do if, one day, we are called upon, like Abraham, to decide where our loyalty lies?

Gavin Loughton

The ANU Debating Society, in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank, present a

PUBLIC DEBATE ON

MABO

The main Public Debate to be staged this term is based upon the recent MABO decision. The topic will be "Mabo as a vehicle for reconciliation: a help or a hindrance" and will be held in Crisp 3 at 7.30pm on Tuesday 14th September. Speakers will include Mick Dodson, Jack Beeton, Gordon Briscoe, Michael Davidson and Emma Lee. Come along and hear prominent peoples point of view on an important issue.

HOW FAR DOES A DOLLAR GO?



From September 6-10 at the Co-op book shop you will be able to buy any of 70 000 Harper Collins titles for only a dollar each. Some of these works have been signed by the authors.

All proceeds from this sale go to the Community Aid Abroad project to promote literacy in the Third World.

Books For A Better World

Look to the Left

with Andrew Barr

Kennett and Cormack Mitchell— What a team!

Last Friday week, the ANU Liberal Club hosted the Joe and Enid Lyons Lecture with Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett.

In an inspired tactical move, similar to the Abolish Self Government Coalition's switch of Graeme Orcheston for Dennis Stevenson in the last ACT election, the ANU Liberals former President and all round nice guy Jeremy Mitchell shared the lime-light with Kennett instead of the current President Paul Cormack.

There has been much debate over why Paul chose not to join the great man on centre stage. Here are some of the suggestions:

- He doesn't think that Kennett is that great
- He doesn't consider himself worthy of the great man's company
- His suit was ill-fitting
- His tie wasn't conservative enough
- The \$50 lunch at Vivaldi's disagreed with him
- None of the above

Answer: f) none of the above.

The reason Cormack wouldn't be seen with Kennett was because there are Student elections coming up and Paul "I'm too good for student politics, look at my shit-hot degree" Cormack is a candidate. Imagine the damage of being seen with the most unpopular man in Australia just weeks before an important election.

Putting student politics aside, the most telling point of the whole afternoon was that there were more people outside the Arts Centre protesting against Kennett's policies than were inside listening to his dry and outdated rhetoric.

GSF Responsibility

The Students' Association recently announced its proposed budget for 1994 and it was pleasing to see that improved and extended services for students had been complemented by financial responsibility and sound management.

All too often, Student Unions and Associations can take their ideological agendas so far as to hurt the students that they are intending to help. The Levying of extra up-front fees in the form of

GSF to fight extended and often pointless campaigns against the Higher Education Contribution Scheme is a fine example of this form political bastardry in its most extreme.

The SA submission showed commendable fiscal restraint whilst maintaining, and in many cases greatly improving, the quality and depth of services provided to students. Green Alliance should be applauded for reaching the correct balance in this difficult and politically contentious procedure.

Union Elections

With the Union elections now upon us, those students who decide to cast a vote will be faced with a plethora of frenzied politicians promising rash and often unachievable policy agendas. My advice is simple: Don't be fooled!

The Union's current financial situation precludes it from any significant capital improvements (aside from the first floor refurbishment) and there is limited scope for significant across-the-board reductions in prices.

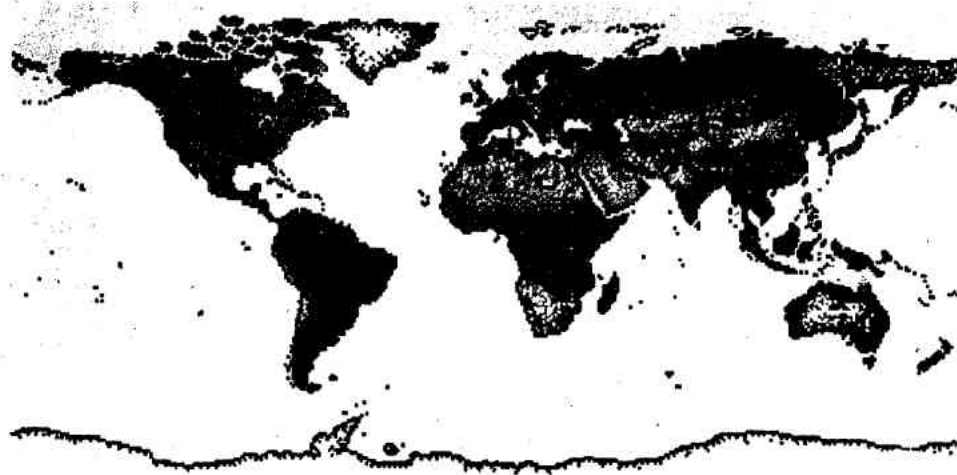
The Union is facing a period of financial difficulty but is by no

means beyond salvation. The election of a progressive team who believe in a strong student union which provides services that students want will go some of the way towards returning the Union to more stable financial ground. Despite what the Liberal's might say, the Union can trade its way out of its present difficulties and the student representatives on the board have an important role to play.

Having set the scene, let's look at the players. This year's **Liberal Team**, **SPECTRUM**, contains the usual mix of Liberal hacks and John's residents (apparently they are not one in the same!). Their campaign is merely a throwback to the bad old BMT days of slick production and cliches. However, it is interesting to note that for the first time in many years the Liberals were caught on the back foot when campaigning started and have been forced to "borrow" a number of policies from the GET SMART team.

Without wanting to harp on the point, PLEASE VOTE! don't let the Liberal hacks cut any more from our Union! **It's your Union—Remember to Vote!**

NEWS BITS



After an issue away fighting for global peace in far flung corners of the globe, Newsbits is back on track to keep you marginally ill informed of the issues that affect you, as well as plenty that don't matter to anyone.

•The budget was handed down by John Dawkins last week, and it seems to be thrown up by everyone since. The opposition and the Democrats are considering blocking it in the Senate, the ACTU and welfare groups hate it, as those on smaller incomes (us) have been hit hard and Grandma Dawkins has been quoted as saying "it bites the big one."#

•For you, the low income education consumer, the budget is a bitch. HECS will have to be repaid sooner, there is an extra 1% on items that attract sales tax, and if you happen to drive a car that isn't new enough to take unleaded, you'll be hit hard at the bowser too. Petrol will remain, however, cheaper than milk, coke and orange juice.

•The opposition, despite promising to grind the poor up for oil for the Ferrari with Fightback at the last election, have been seen crying in the streets with the poor at the regressive nature of the budget. It could have been worse.

•It is indeed worse for people in

Bosnia, who are still getting the shit kicked out of them from all sides. Wars also continue in many small places you have never heard of, including Tajikistan. Anyone who can place Tajikistan on a map and name the groups fighting will win a date with Kirsten or Matt, depending on preference##.

•Michael Jackson, the king of pop (soda), has been accused of molesting a thirteen year old boy. I believe this is a vicious attack on a man who obviously has never had a sexual thought in his mind.

•Jeff Kennett, the star of the "I'm having a Kennett of a day" stickers, allowed ANU radicals

the opportunity to protest when the Victorian (that is the state as well as the attitude to Industrial Relations) premier visited our fair campus last week. Our normal contingent of radical students, at last count six, was bolstered by 150 others protesting against the Kennett government's policies on education and welfare, as well as the fact that the man has appeared all over campus posters naked. Not a pretty sight.

this is a total fabrication. We are confident that John Dawkins mother still loves him.

due to popular demand, a third option of an old copy of Emmanuelle and a tube of KY is available.



by Berkeley Breathed

MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS

GUEST SPEAKER FROM THE
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TUESDAY 7 SEPT.
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THE AUSTRALASIAN UNION OF JEWISH STUDENTS.

An Exhortation to Certain Young Feminists

Whatever crushes individuality is despotism, by whatever name it be called.

John Stuart Mill.

Our hope, and our idealism are our most precious possessions. This essay is a plea for their preservation, that they not be subsumed by the cast social mechanism in which we live. The aim of this essay is to promote your humanity.

To be sure, this is no easy task, nor one lightly undertaken. Indeed, I do not even attempt to encourage it in everyone, for it is likely beyond many. I intend, instead, to encourage it in the few individuals who will be able to empathise with it. That group, rightly or wrongly, I will call feminists.

What is it that I mean by that? As a question, that is simply answered. If you believe that all people should be equally representing society then you are, for my purposes a feminist. If not, you are, directly or indirectly, a servant of the system, and I cannot expect you to accept any part of what follows.

Being a feminist is by no means an easy task. To be true to its principles requires a mixture of moral fortitude and intellectual courage that is rarely seen. On the other hand, the road to feminism runs atop a steep and slippery ridge. Once its principles are first betrayed they become harder to attain.

What I ask of you, and of anybody, is that you be true to yourself, for this is the very substance of feminism. It is the heart which keeps the body of belief and hope alive. Without this heart, we, like the patient attached to a machine, cease

truly to live, and resolve ourselves merely to existence. This means that we must make our own decisions, for the moment that we stop thinking for ourselves, and unquestioningly accept the authority of another, whoever they may be, we chain ourselves to their opinions. We become slaves to their beliefs and subject ourselves to their domination.

It means that we must be willing to listen, for the moment that we reject unthinkingly, the position put forward by another we retard our growth. We lock ourselves into the way we thought yesterday, or last year, and trap ourselves in the past.

It means that we must be willing to allow others to voice their views, for the moment we castigate another for expressing their opinion, we take up the sword of oppression, and wield it on our own behalf. We assert our dominance, and subject them to our will.

It means finally, that we must never become dogmatic, nor adopt a stagnant morality, for the moment we do either of these we lay the foundations for a new and different system of exploitation. We replace one arbitrary system by another, equally as indifferent.

All these things go to comprise the heart of what to me, is feminism. Yet so often they are ignored, maligned or manipulated by professional feminists who wish to further their agendas.

One example of this false feminism occurred in the month that has recently passed. In South Australia, Justice Bollen was attacked for being out of touch with the "battered women syndrome". This attack drew wide support from a variety of camps, none of which seemed to

care for the extent to which the statement was true or false, for, it would seem, it was most definitely false.

Its definite falsehood derives from the fact that it was Justice Bollen who originally introduced "battered women syndrome" defence into law in South Australia. That made him one of the first Australian judges to even recognise the condition, let alone give it legal status. Whatever else may be said of him and his judgements, Justice Bollen is clearly aware of the trauma that some people suffer in the home.

So why was he attacked? Why were people so eager to vilify him? I won't insult you by suggesting that it was a vast coincidence of innocent mis-

takes. I think few would be so naive.

If not a mistake, what is left? Deliberate action is our only alternative. Deliberate action inspired by agendas of which we know nothing. Agendas which are being used by "false feminists" to fuel their own desires for power, and control of others.

The unthinking, in supporting those agendas, advocate their own submission. It is this unthinking subservience that you should be aware of, and guard against. Never stop thinking, never stop listening. Never let yourself become the pawn of another.

By Black Panther



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THE HORROR BUDGET

The Budget handed down by Treasurer Dawkins had little good news for students. Rebecca's General Secretary's Report, and the article by Caitlin Wyndham give all the details, so I will just comment briefly.

The ten years of 'Labor in Power' have seen some pretty drastic stuff- the selling of Uranium, the privatisation of QANTAS, the continued concentration of Media ownership, the jettisoning of free education..... and when there is a Caucas revolt what is it over? It is over petrol tax. Just great, thanks guys.

STUDENTS DEFEAT LIBERAL VSU BILL!

I am happy to report that the Students' Association has been successful in our efforts to lobby against the passage of the Liberal's VSU amendment.

In my last report I detailed the attempts by the Liberal MLA's in the A.C.T. Legislative Assembly to ban students rights to have student control of student affairs through universal membership of student organisations.

The so-called 'Voluntary Student Unionism' (VSU) amendment would have scrapped universal membership and in all probability de-funded your Students' Association, Union and Sports Union.

The Students' Association and Union joined together with the student organisations at the University of Canberra and the Canberra Institute of TAFE to lobby MLA's on this issue. We sent deputations of students to several MLA's, organised a press conference and put together a submission for the MLA's to consider.

Our efforts were successful, when following our press conference, Independent MLA's Michael Moore and Helen Szuty indicated that they intended to vote against the amendment, and support student organisations.

Other states may not be so lucky- the parliament of Western Australia will debate the future of their student organisations soon and Victorian students face a similar threat.

ELECTION FEVER

Yes it is that time of the year again!

Union elections are this week, so please take the time to vote. The main contest seems to be between the Liberal/Spectrum ticket and the Progressive, Green/Get Smart ticket. Make sure you have your say!

Meanwhile, the Student Association Elections will be held in the second week of fourth term. The big question is whether a Liberal front ticket will run this year. Last year the only conservatives who ran were a bunch from the poker club. Given

that the Libs have borrowed the 'Spectrum' name from the group of so-called 'a-political' liberals at Monash, they will no doubt try the 'we are just a bunch of non-political students- trust us' line again. Yawn.

QUALITY AUDIT— HOW WILL THE ANU SHAPE UP?

The Department of Employment Education and Training will be sending out a team of academics and bureaucrats to assess the "quality" of this university.

So what can students do?

The quality audit teams have instructions to talk to the student representatives at each university, and we are trying to get an accurate picture of the quality of our courses, of teaching, facilities and the extent to which student input is valued at the ANU.

At the recent SA General Meeting held in Bush week a motion on what students believe 'quality' of education means. This whole process sounds very bureaucratic but unless the university can demonstrate that student's concerns are listened to and acted upon, they won't get any extra funding in coming years- it really can be as simple as that.

Frankly, this can be a dilemma for students. We would all like to see extra government funding flowing to the ANU, but at the same time we aren't going to lie about lack of rights accorded to students at the ANU.

The basic right to appeal a mark or grade without fear of recrimination; the right to a supplementary or further exam if you received a borderline fail, or if you were sick; the right to comment on the content or teaching of a course without fear of being sued (as some students were last year); and the basic premise that all procedures of this kind should be simple, basically uniform across the Faculties, and not subject to the whims of an individual lecturer or the peculiar beliefs of one particular faculty- **THESE RIGHTS DO NOT EXIST AT THE ANU.**

The Board of Faculties has held up the process of implementing uniform procedures for student input into course content. The outcome of deliberations on the introduction of supplementary examinations hang in the balance.

I urge all students to talk to their lecturers and heads of department, so that when these issues are considered at faculty level the student voice is heard. Then and only then can this university be thought of as 'quality'.

YOU CAN HELP WOMEN IN FORMER YUGOSLAVIA

The systematic rape, abuse and ongoing intolerable conditions of women in the former Yugoslavia has shocked and angered women and men the world over. We cannot stop these traumatic events but the Canberra YWCA and the Students' Association Women's Department have found a way that you can help- by donating practical personal items to women and their children.

The SA will organise to package your donated items and send them to the YWCA, then Austcare will transport and distribute them through their on the ground relief effort..

A box has been placed next to the SRC help desk, in the Students' Association office and in the Women's Room. A full list of the kinds of items is next to the box. Suggestions include: toothbrushes, shampoo, sewing kits, baby bottles, tampons, small torches with batteries and water sterilising tablets. Your donations will be appreciated.

MIND THE DUCKS!

It was pointed out to me that while the SA sent students off to the Duck Rescue this year, we hadn't done much for the safety of the ducks on the campus. The University were alerted to this and Darryl Patch from ANU security organised for a Duck sign to be put up on the new road that runs next to Sullivans Creek to the Colleges. It was stolen but has been replaced. So please don't run over any more Ducks!

LENNOX HOUSE—IN COME THE BULLDOZERS

Early on this year I was criticised by some university senior officers for being alarmist when I wrote that the university would be bulldozing the Student Accommodation and Childcare centre at Lennox.

Well, guess what? That is exactly what they are doing. The next meeting of the Buildings & Grounds Committee of the University will be making the decision. In order to make way for the proposed Research/Technology park, one of the oldest heritage buildings in Canberra has to be sacrificed.

The most astounding thing is that the one building which the university are proposing to keep- Lennox A block (which houses around thirty students in low priced accommodation) the Uni won't even guarantee will be kept for students!

Any architect worth his or her fee will be able to find an innovative way in which to incorporate these heritage buildings into the design of the research facilities. And what is wrong with having childcare and student housing incorporated in the plans for the Acton peninsula?

If Old Lennox is bulldozed, and Lennox A is not retained as student housing, the ANU will have no



low priced accommodation left on the campus. What we have to remember is that the University got rid of Corin House last year as well as selling off all the undergraduate houses that were available to students to live in.

University Council have reaffirmed their commitment to low priced accommodation for students but where is that commitment? The Students' Association in conjunction with the Housing Office put together a housing scheme which would improve students access to the private rental market.

For less than the sale value of one of the houses the Uni has sold off, this scheme is the *least* the university could do to compensate students for the loss of over one hundred accommodation places.

Students would have the University as a guarantor, and the Housing Office would act as an agent for students in seeking out appropriate rental accommodation. Students would pay rent fortnightly to coincide with AUSTUDY payments so that there is less chance of falling into arrears. But now it seems that the University is having second thoughts about the scheme. I'll keep you informed.

SECURITY TELEPHONE INSTALLED!

It's here, it's groovy and it has been brought to you by ANU Buildings & Grounds, your Students' Association and PARSAs. The new security intercom is located on the north side of the Union Building at the bottom of the concrete stairs over the ANU Bar. Just press the button for assistance in any emergency

Please look after it, and don't abuse it by pressing the button for fun, because Don Hardman, bless his little cotton socks, has told me we can get more of these around the campus if this one is used properly and survives unscathed!

POLICE ON CAMPUS

There is an urban myth that the police can not come on to campus. They can, and they do. It is University tradition that police don't come on to campus if there are peaceful demonstrations in progress, but they are allowed to come on to book people for speeding and not wearing bike helmets. At present around ten cars and about five bikes are stolen every week on the campus so they will be around.

Have a great mid semester break,
KATH

SPECIFICS #11

HECS CHANGES

OK I was wrong, for once the eternal pessimist was optimistic I actually thought that the federal government would acknowledge the support which students gave them in the recent election, and listen to our arguments about the proposed changes to HECS. They didn't, and basically, we've been fucked over yet again. Despite nation wide protests by students, letters sent en mass to the Minister for Education Kim Beazley, and constant lobbying by Students' Associations from

around Australia, the government has chosen to implement radical changes to the HECS scheme. These changes include, penalty rates for students who take more than one extra semester to complete their degree, a \$2,500 extra charge for your second undergraduate degree, deregulation of post graduate fees, lowering the income threshold for pay back of HECS, and speeding up the repayment of HECS debts. Thanks Kimmie!

There are two ways of looking at this, in the



short term, the federal government has made a pragmatic decision to put students at the bottom its it's list of priorities. Students, more particularly graduates are bearing the burden of the expansion of the tertiary education system (which has expanded as a result of a lack of employment prospects for school leavers). More worrying however, is the fact

the the government has ignored the concerns of thousands of students on campuses across the country. It seems that even when we mobilise in large numbers, the government ignores us.

A friend's mother recently complained to me that as students we are ready to challenge decisions as individuals, but collectively we fail to take action, and as a result, the government ignores us. She advised that we should follow the actions of her generation - take to

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1). Acceptance of the minutes of the last General Meeting.

2). President's Report.

3). MOTION ONE: HOUSING.

The Students' Association demands that the University administration honours its commitment to providing low cost and accessible accommodation for students, and that the University implements the housing scheme developed between the SA and the ANU housing office.
Moved: Anna Fieldhouse, Seconded: Kath Cummins.



4). MOTION TWO: NEW COMPUTERS.

That the Students' Association approve the purchase of a new computer system consisting of the following or similar (the final configuration will be confirmed to an SRC meeting):

4 Macintosh Classic II Computers
1 Macintosh LCIII Computer
1 Macintosh Centris 610 Computer
Ethernet Connections for 3 computers
1 Apple 1 Scanner
1 FaxModem
Microsoft Word and Aldus
Pagemaker Software for all com-

puters

1 Laser Printer with A3 printing capability (Model TBA)

The purchase will be financed by lease arrangements to cost no more than \$700 per month for a period of three years.

Moved: Matthew Lobb, Seconded: Kath Cummins

5). MOTION THREE: COMPUTER NETWORK.

That the Students' Association install a internal office computer network, and connect to the University's computer network at a total cost of no more than \$4,000.

Moved: Matthew Lobb, Seconded: Caitlin Wyndham

6). MOTION FOUR: COMPUTER EQUIPMENT.

That the Students' Association sell all existing computer equipment except for the Macintosh IIsi. The funds realised from the sale will be put towards the cost of installing the computer network.

Moved: Matthew Lobb, Seconded: Caitlin Wyndham

7). MOTION FIVE:

TRAINEE SCHEME.

That the Students' Association employ an administrative trainee

under the Australian Trainee Scheme, at a cost of no more than \$7,000 per annum.

Moved: Matthew Lobb, Seconded: Caitlin Wyndham

8). MOTION SIX: BUDGET.

That the Students' Association approve the 1994 budget as tabled.
Moved: Matthew Lobb, Seconded: Andrew Barr

9). MOTION SEVEN: HECS CHANGES.

That the Students' Association condemns the changes made to HECS in the federal budget, and the adverse impact which these changes will have on students, the SA further urges that the Government reviews the inequities of the HECS scheme.

Moved: Rebecca Mohr, Seconded: Sally Rudd.

10). ANY OTHER BUSINESS

THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER, 12PM, THE BRIDGE.

the streets, threaten those in authority, make them take notice—in her words 'Give them a good kick in the balls'. An admirable sentiment, indeed one which I subscribe to. Yet as the recent HECS debacle has showed, even when we do take such action, the government chooses to ignore us...and they wonder why we become disillusioned and apathetic! For more info on the changes to HECS see the article in this *Woroni*.

GENERAL MEETING

Well, our administrator, Gavin Findlay is leaving us for bigger and brighter things. Gavin has resigned and will be missed by all who have encountered him at the SA office. We are looking at restructuring the employment of staff at the SA, in order to better utilise our resources. One prospect is to hire a person

through the Government's Youth Traineeship Scheme. This position would be subsidised by the Government—we would employ a young person and train them in office management, the Government paying half their wage. In order to do this we need the approval of a General Meeting. This is one of the motions up before the next meeting. The agenda also includes the SA's Budget for next year (far less contentious than it's federal counterpart!). Come along and have your say - **General Meeting of the SA this Thursday, 9th September, 12 noon, on the Bridge.**

The SA raised just over two hundred dollars for charity during Bush Week. This money will be donated to 'The Stolen Children's Fund'. An Aboriginal organisation, the fund

seeks to reunite children and parents separated as a result of the assimilation policy enforced by Australian Governments earlier this century. In this year of indigenous people, the SRC felt that this was a most worthy charity.

Finally, don't forget to vote in the Union elections. The Union Board administers the Union building (student services, the Bar, Sullivan's etc.), if you're sick of being ripped off by your own Union then do something, take your frustrations out at the ballot box! Locally, as well as federally, this seems to be our only effective way of impacting on things—god knows, taking to the streets is ineffective.

REBECCA MOHR.

¹ Douglas Coupland refers to this as "Cliques Maintenance: The need of one generation to see the generation following it as deficient so as to bolster its own collective ego: 'Kids today do nothing. They're so apathetic. We used to go out and protest. All they do is shop and complain.'"

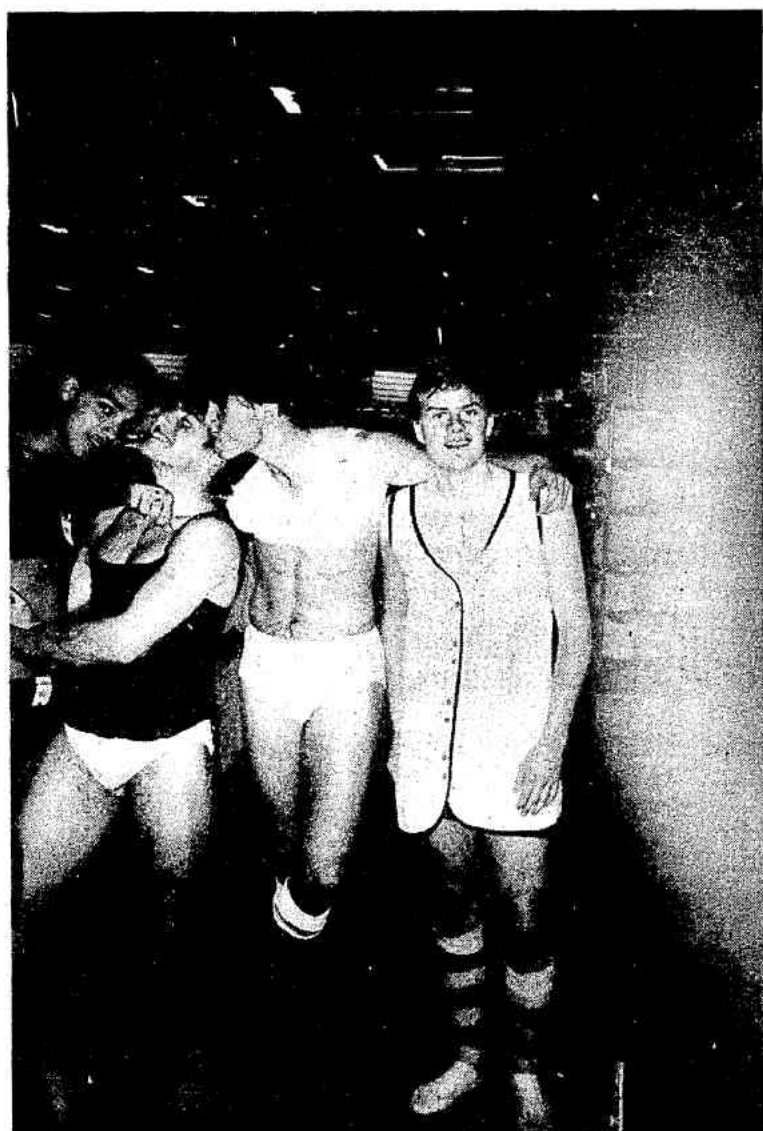
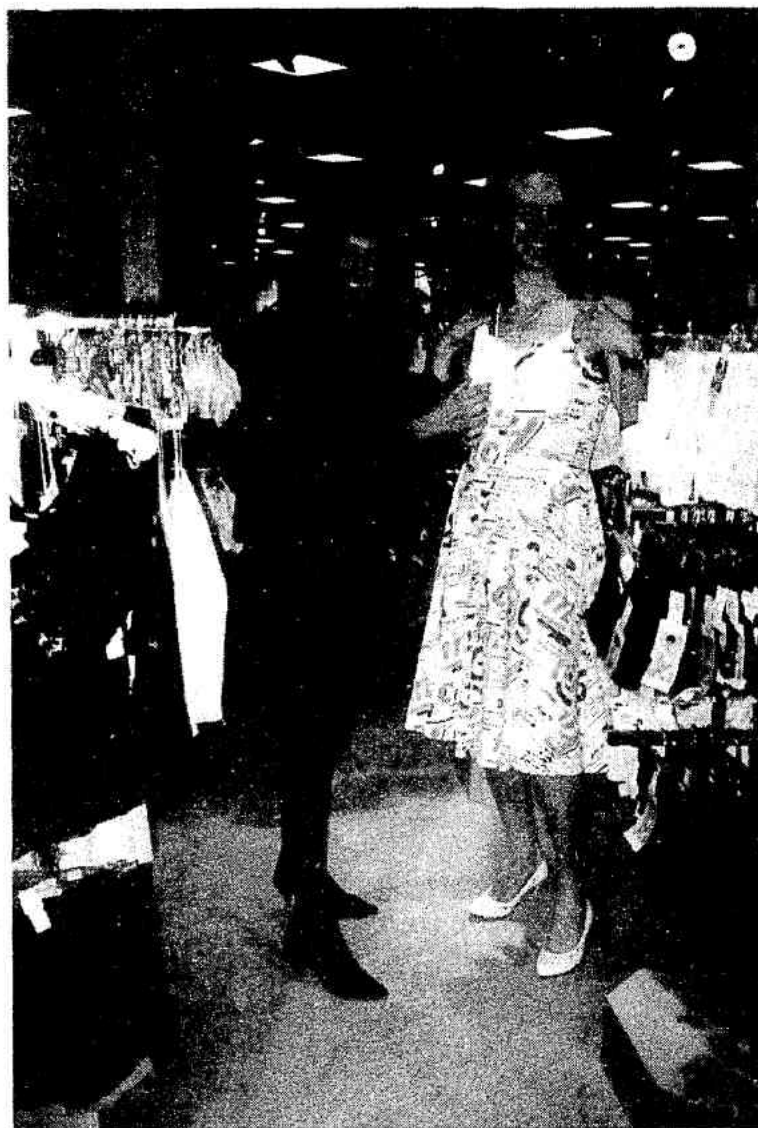
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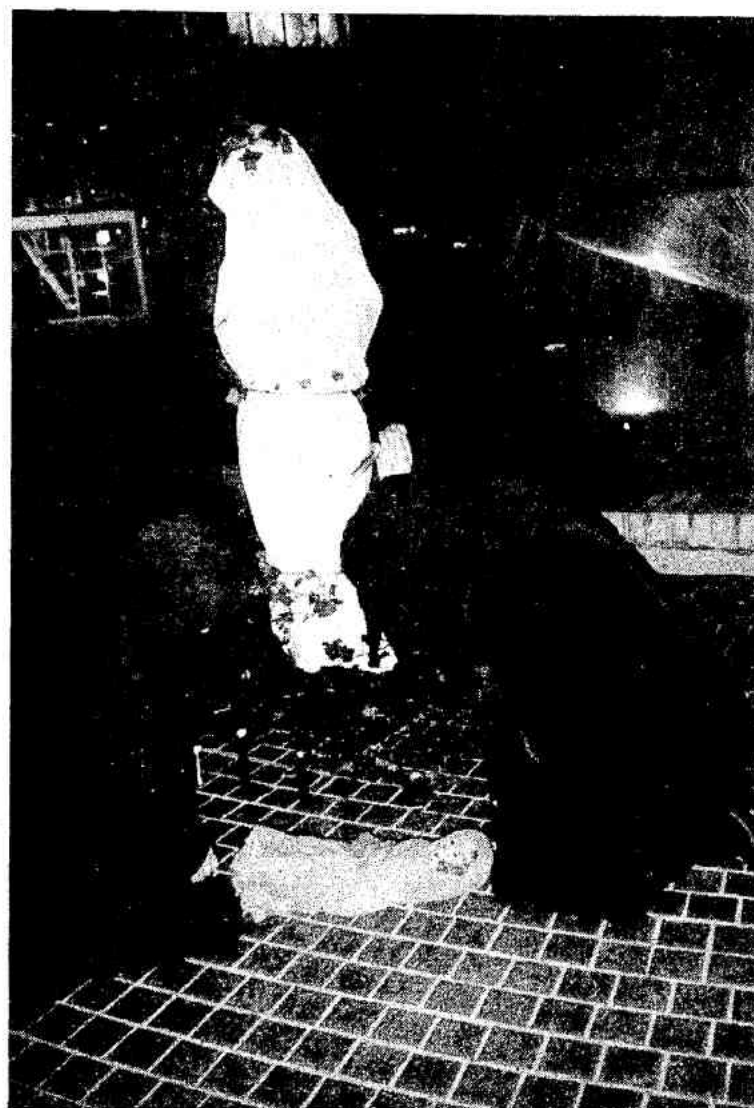


Causing a stir at Maccas

Scavenger The Sordid



Dragging in David Jones



Druidic rituals in Civic on a Saturday night

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A postal vote stolen from the American Embassy

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Election Fever

The Students Association

Polling

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER

9.30am-11.30am
UNION COURT*
11.45am-1.15pm
INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS - ART
SCHOOL GALLERY

1.45pm-5.15pm
UNION COURT*

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER

9.30am-12.15pm
HANCOCK BUILDING-LIBRARY
ENTRANCE
12.30pm-5.15pm
UNION COURT

WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER

9.30am-12.15pm
VERANDAH, ASIAN STUDIES/LAW
QUADRANGLE
12.30pm-4.30pm
UNION COURT*
5.30pm-7.30pm
CHIFLEY LIBRARY - FOYER
ENTRANCE

THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER.

9.30am-1.30pm
UNION COURT*

COUNTING OF VOTES FROM
2.30PM THURSDAY 14 OCTOBER:
THE BRIDGE, UNION BUILDING
*if weather inclement, voting will be
held on the inside of the court entrance
to the Union Building.

R.H. ARTHUR
REGISTRAR, THE AUSTRALIAN
NATIONAL

Nominations

Nominations are hereby called for election
to the following offices and positions
within the Association:

President of the Association
Treasurer of the Association
General Secretary of the Association
Editor (or Editors) of Woroni
Ten (10) General representatives to the
SRC
Four (4) Arts representatives to the SRC
Two (2) Science representatives to the
SRC
Two (2) Economics/Commerce representa-
tives to the SRC
One (1) Law representative to the SRC
One (1) Asian Studies representative to the
SRC
One (1) part-time representative to the

SRC

Five (5) International Students' Associa-
tion Committee

The successful candidates will serve for
one year from 1 December 1993.

The period for lodgement of nominations
will commence at 9.30 am on Monday 30
August 1993, and cease at noon on
Monday 13 September 1993.

All nominations must include the signature
of the nominator, a seconder, and the
nominee.

A sample form of nomination may be
obtained from the Association's offices.

All ordinary members of the Association
are eligible to nominate, second, and be
nominated for the positions of President,
Treasurer, General Secretary, Editor(s) or
Woroni, and general representatives to the
SRC. An ordinary member enrolled in the
faculty is eligible to nominate, second and
be nominated for a (or the) position of
representative of the members of any
faculty in which they are enrolled. All
ordinary member part-time students are
eligible to nominate, second or be nomi-
nated for the position of part-time repre-
sentative to the SRC. Only ordinary
members who are deemed to be an interna-

tional student by the Australian National
University International Student's Office
are eligible to nominate, second and be
nominated for the positions of Interna-
tional Student's Association Committee.

All nominations should be placed in the
locked ballot box provided in the offices of
the Association, between 9.30 am and 3.30
pm on any week day during the period in
which nominations are open.

Polling will be conducted between Mon-
day 11 October 1993 and Thursday 14
October 1993 at times and places to be
published in Woroni on 8 September 1993.

Candidates in the election may indicate to
the Returning Officer the group or team
with which they are running, or that they
are running as an independent. The name
of the group or team, or the word 'Inde-
pendent' or 'Group unspecified' will then
appear on the voting paper beside their
names.

R.H. Arthur, Registrar, The Australian
National University, and Returning Officer
23 August 1993.

UNION BOARD ELECTIONS

The Union

The ANU Union is the student organisation which
runs all the services in the Union Building and at
Caterina's (at Law/Asian Studies). All students are
members of the Union (despite legal wrangles and
Constitutional ambiguities on this point!). The
Union receives a part of the money paid by
students through the General Services Fee.

The Board

The Union is managed by a Board of 14 persons,
10 of whom are students. (See diagram). The
Board meets monthly, and student Board members
perform a variety of functions between Board
meetings. The Board directs the management, who
run the Union from day-to-day.

The student representatives are elected for two
year terms. Each September, 5 students are
elected. (This year, there is an additional casual
vacancy to be filled.)

Like elections for the Students Association, Union
elections are usually contested by political groups.
However, the activities of the Union are mostly
services, especially commercial services. The
'politics' of the Union are usually arguments
about what, or how many, non-commercial (ie:
free or subsidised) services should be provided.
Also, as the GSF forms part of the Union's
income, political arguments about the use or size
of fees often arise.

The Union Board

Elected Representatives

Elected Sept 1992—Oct 1994

Cameron Bray
STUDENT

Malcolm Baalman
STUDENT

Kate Sullivan
STUDENT

Lyndon Coppin
STUDENT

(to be elected)
STUDENT

Elected Sept 1993—Oct 1995

(to be elected)
STUDENT

(to be elected)
STUDENT

(to be elected)
STUDENT

(to be elected)
STUDENT

(to be elected)
STUDENT

Other Board members

Professor Allan Barton
PRO-VICE CHANCELLOR

Philip Selth
VICE-CHANCELLOR'S REP.

Fulton Muir AO
UNI COUNCIL REP.

(to be elected)
STAFF REP.

The elections

When electing student representatives, the Union has a
'block-voting' mechanism, which means that one party
usually wins all five seats. (This may sound unfair, but
attempts to alter the Constitution to change this system
have failed.)

In the late '80s and early '90s, the Board consisted
entirely of Liberal Students. A change in the popular
mood saw 2 independents elected in 1991, and 5
students opposed to the Liberal policies elected in
1992. There have also been some independent students
appointed to the Board at casual vacancies. (Casual
vacancies occur quite often.)

This week you have your opportunity to judge the
performance of the current Board, and (more
importantly) of the students who will nominate to join
the Board in the elections.

All students are voters, and the composition of the
Union Board is ultimately in your hands. Whatever the
issues which concern you about the Union, you should
start to think now about the Union Board elections.

The elections are not the only time when you should
participate in the Union's government. You should see
your representatives whenever you want to. However,
no time is more important than election time.

**It's your Union—
Don't Say You Care
If You Don't Care Enough To Vote**

BARBARA WHITEHEAD

Independent, retiring director of the Union Board.

Mature Age, Full-time Student, Arts/Science 3rd year, Majors Arts-Political Science, Science-SREM and (related).

Elected as an Independent to the Union Board in 1991.

Involved in Union committee structure, Discipline, Activities and OHS Member of Geography Society, SREM Society and Debating Society.

Involved in all decision making of the current Board.

Reason for seeking re-election: I need to see through the implementation of the changes currently going through the Board. There are many areas that still need attention and with my experience and personal knowledge of the issues, staff and management of the Union I can only be an asset.

I have over 14 years of experience in the Hospitality and Entertainment industries. My priority for the upcoming year is to ensure the autonomy of the Union, to keep the University on the side lines of Union and Student affairs.

NANCY WILLIAMS

Second Year Arts/Law; Resident of Burgmann College

In the future Union Board elections, Nancy is standing as the independent candidate for the Board. Rather than seeking to further the interests of any one group, Nancy will provide a willing and realistic approach to the changes required to the current Union. She is prepared to objectively put forward the views and wishes of ALL students, from ALL groups and organisations in an INDEPENDENT and experienced manner.

NANCY WILLIAMS:

- Will push to maintain the low prices provided by the Union
- Will take a stand on the GSF debate
- Will represent the needs of ALL students

**Take an Independent Stand
Vote for a Name you Know**

GET THINGS DONE

NANCY WILLIAMS



CHOO Kian Ming

Gender: Male

Party: Independent

Course: 2nd year in Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws

Hobbies & Interests: Canoeing, Outdoor Activities, Badminton, current Affairs.

Organisations involved:

The International Students' Service of The ANU (ISSANU)

Canberra Council for International Students (CCIS)

Malaysian students' Association

Platform

- To represent International students in the union board.
- Believe International students can contribute in ideas and efforts towards better management of the Union.
- Believe that students should enjoy better services and facilities in lower than usual prices from the Union

Also standing: Lye Chien Chai

Lim, Andrew Tjay Kwie

S y n e r g y

Policies Not Party Politics

SYNERGY means Real Student Representation

Students are represented by 10 directors, but with the current first-past-the-post voting system there has been a history of domination by political cliques from both the Left and the Right. SYNERGY intend to make the Board more representative by instituting:

- proportional representation elections
- representation of international students
- representation of post-graduate students
- constitutionally guaranteed representation of women
- publication of all minutes and financial accounts in Woroni

SYNERGY means a Safer Campus

We are very concerned by the ever increasing drugs trade in the Uni Bar, and escalating sexual violence on campus. Most campus rapes and other assaults occur following events at the Union, either at the Union building itself or on the grounds between the Union and the residential Halls and Colleges. SYNERGY will create a safer campus by:

- improved lighting in Union environs
- enforcing a strict NO DRUGS policy in the Uni Bar
- an ANU Security "Shopfront" in the Union after hours

SYNERGY means Environmental Awareness

We are concerned about the continuing use of environmentally damaging and energy inefficient practices in the Union's operations. We aim to make the Union energy efficient and environmentally sound by:

- use of CFC free equipment
- purchasing of Australian products first
- review of ethical purchasing and investing practices

• extending the University's energy audit to the Union

• significant discounting for students using their own mugs

SYNERGY means a Union for Students

The primary aim of the Union is to promote the social, intellectual and general welfare of the University community. We see the Union as having a particular role for support of students, and we will encourage their use of the Union by:

- equal access and facilities for the disabled
- an takeaway food outlet operating during library hours
- discounted prices for functions at the Union organised by students
- actually spending the 2.5% of GSF allocated to clubs and societies
- employing more students, particularly those with financial difficulties

SYNERGY means Sound Financial Management

The bottom line for finance is that the Union is failing to achieve a minimum break-even position. Even after GSF funding in 1992 it saw a loss of \$140,000. The budget for 1993 is for a loss of \$431,816 and 1994 anticipates a loss of \$499,231 - nearly half a million dollars! There is no way these losses can pay back the total liabilities of now over \$1,631,510, including unfunded provisions of over \$535,400. We will take immediate action by:

- placing a freeze on additional long term loans and capital works
- recruiting outside expertise for the Finance and Audit committees
- marketing of summer conferences to significantly

boost income without raising the General Services Fee

• formulating a fiscally responsible financial plan, with emphasis on paying back outstanding debts and saving for the future

SYNERGY means Caterina's makes Pizzas!

Caterina's now has an overwhelming array of choice, from sandwiches to Asian Bistro. However, in spite of its Italian flavour, Caterina's has never sold freshly cooked pizzas. We aim to make Caterina's a true pizza parlour incorporating:

- fresh oven cooked pizza
- freshly made pasta dishes
- a gelato and Italian dessert bar

SYNERGY means Sullivans goes Mexican!

Sullivans would now be the best place to eat in the entire Union building, except for the menu and the prices. It is filled to the brim with ANU staff at lunchtimes, then mostly deserted. In emphasising pasta dishes it is trying to compete with The Gods and Caterina's which are far more popular. SYNERGY aims to make Sullivans a place amenable to all students by:

- bottomless coffee for ANU students all day
- introducing a budget priced breakfast menu from 8 - 10 am
- a new evening Mexican menu combined with a tapas-margarita bar

SYNERGY:

Andrew Greinke *BComm (Hons) LLB(Hons)* (PHD Student)

David Munns (4th year BSc/BA) [1 year term]

Cherie Nicholson (3rd year BSc(REM)/BComm)

Andrew Tjay Kwie Lim (4th year BA/BComm)

Tim Hurst (4th year BEc/BSc)

SPECTRUM!

SPECTRUM is a broadly based team of students who have been active in various parts of the university over the last few years, and are determined to see the Union work for students and be managed in a responsible manner.

It is a team which is committed to bringing both diversity and experience to the Union's management.

The Union is responsible for providing food, services and entertainment to the student body and its members. SPECTRUM wants to reform the Union to make sure that students are given better value for money in terms of providing better food, improved service, and more facilities and entertainment.

SPECTRUM will:

- Review pricing structures to enable more student discounts and specials
- Release the hidden Clubs & Societies money
- Initiate Sullivans Sports Bar
- Bring a pizza outlet on campus
- Stabilise the current GSF fee level
- Initiate sensible building expansions
- Ensure effective management
- Improve food and service

SPECTRUM is offering a package of candidates and ideas that will work. By bringing more people to the Union, prices can be brought down, and the expanded services will make it a better and more enjoyable place!

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
VOTE SPECTRUM!**

SPECTRUM is the only team which has the necessary representative experience to do the job that is required. When you vote, put someone responsible on the Union Board of Management.

CANDIDATE PROFILES:

Dominique Mecoy (Arts (3rd year))

- President, ANU Inter-Hall Council, 1992 & 1993
- ANU O-Week Director, 1993
- Representative on Burgmann College
- Chairperson of Burgmann Resident's Association, 1993
- Burgmann Sportswoman of the Year, 1992
- Burgmann O-Week Committee, 1992
- 1st Division, Canberra Deakin Womens Soccer Team

Paul Cormack (Arts/Law (3rd year))

- Residential Tutor at John XXIII College 1993
- President, ANU Liberal Club, 1993
- Representative, Political Science Departmental Committee 1992-93
- Chairman, Joe & Enid Lyons Lecture Trust, 1992
- Representative, English Departmental Committee 1992
- ANU Open Day Organising Committee, 1992
- John XXIII Representative, Inter-Hall Debating 1991

Robert Hurt (Science/Law, 3rd year)

- ANU Geography Society
- Local Canberra resident
- Part-time work at local law firm
- ANU Squash Club

Michelle Oates

- (Economics/Arts (3rd year))
- President, Burton & Garran Hall, 1993
 - Representative of B&G/Bruce Hall governing body, 1993
 - Treasurer, Inter-Hall Sports Committee, 1992
 - Director of O-Week Committee, Burton & Garran Hall, 1992
 - Sports Representative, B&G Hall, 1992
 - 1st Division, Canberra Deakin Womens' Soccer Team

David Roche

- (Arts(Asian Studies)/Economics (1st year))
- Rowing Club (ANU VIII), 1993
 - Member of Indonesian Society and China Club
 - Adjudicator for Debating Society, 1993
 - Resident at John XXIII College
 - Football, social member, 1993



Left to right- Stuart Englund, Arwen Beaton, Matthew Lobb, Geoff Dunlevy, Samantha Caruana

For too long the Union hasn't been run for students. We are here to change this. We have the experience and ideas to make the Union a better place. Liberal administrations have used the Union to push their political agenda and in doing so have made it virtually insolvent. The Union Board needs a team to expand the range of services and at the same time get the Union out of the red. We have proposals for profitable expansion of services, not promises that are made to be broken. Don't let the KAOS infiltrated Liberals (ie SPECTRUM) make things worse.

Better Services and Value for Money

Previous Union boards have sat back and let services deteriorate. We would work hard for:

- fresher hot food (instead of stale hamburgers with cooked lettuce)
- more weekly specials
- the development of a range of cheap lunch time meals (so you can afford to eat at the Union)
- cheap pasta nights at Sullivans

Unlike Spectrum, our ideas are achievable, the promise of a Pizza Bar with home delivery is about as realistic as shoe phones and androids called Hymie.

Financial Responsibility

The Union is losing money because it doesn't have the services that students want. The Union needs to increase its sales and reduce its costs rather than cutting itself back into oblivion. Our proposals are aimed at the Union trading its way out of its current difficulties. GET SMART aims to:

- make the Union more financially accountable to students
- gradually rebuild its deteriorated assets

Getting Students Back to the Union

GET SMART will provide the facilities and services that students want and bring them back to the Union. The measures we propose include:

- surveying students to see what they want from their union
- better function deals for Clubs and Societies (It is amazing that it is cheaper to go off-campus to hold club functions)
- keeping the refectory area open for longer

Environmental Statement

The Union is currently one of the biggest producers of rubbish in the university. We aim to implement better waste management programs. We believe it is possible to:

- expand the recycling services that are already offered
- examine ways of reducing the Union's energy consumption.
- encourage the use of non-disposable cups and plates.

In the long-run, these proposals are not only good for the environment, they will also reduce operating costs.

Students Controlling the Board

The Union's constitution needs to be reformed so that it is more responsible to its members. GET SMART would ensure that there were regular Union reports in Woroni because students deserve to know what their elected repre-

sentatives are doing. In addition, we would push for a question time and more open meetings of the Board.

From 1986 to 1992 the Liberal students ran the Union Board. In 1992 the Union made a loss of nearly \$200,000 dollars! When they ran the Board they threw their power away by privatising everything that wasn't bolted down and taking the services of the Union out of the hands of students. It's your money, and your Union. The Liberals might have a new name but they don't have a new agenda (in fact they have stolen all of our ideas, did you notice!) These tired old Liberals have had their day, GET SMART for the Union!

Your GET SMART team is:

Matthew Lobb - 5th Year BEc(Hon)/LLB

- President Burgmann College 1991
- Treasurer Students' Association 1993

Samantha Caruana - 1st Year Arts

- Debating Society 1993
- Burton and Garran resident 1993

Geoff Dunlevy - 3rd Year BEc/LLB

- President Republic 2001 1992-3
- SRC General Representative 1993

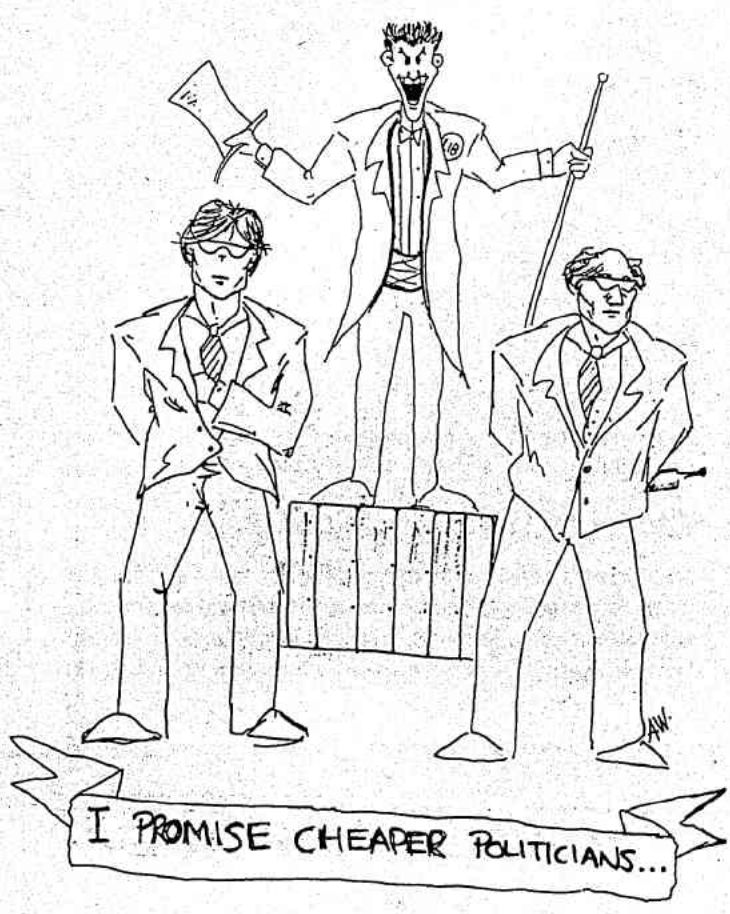
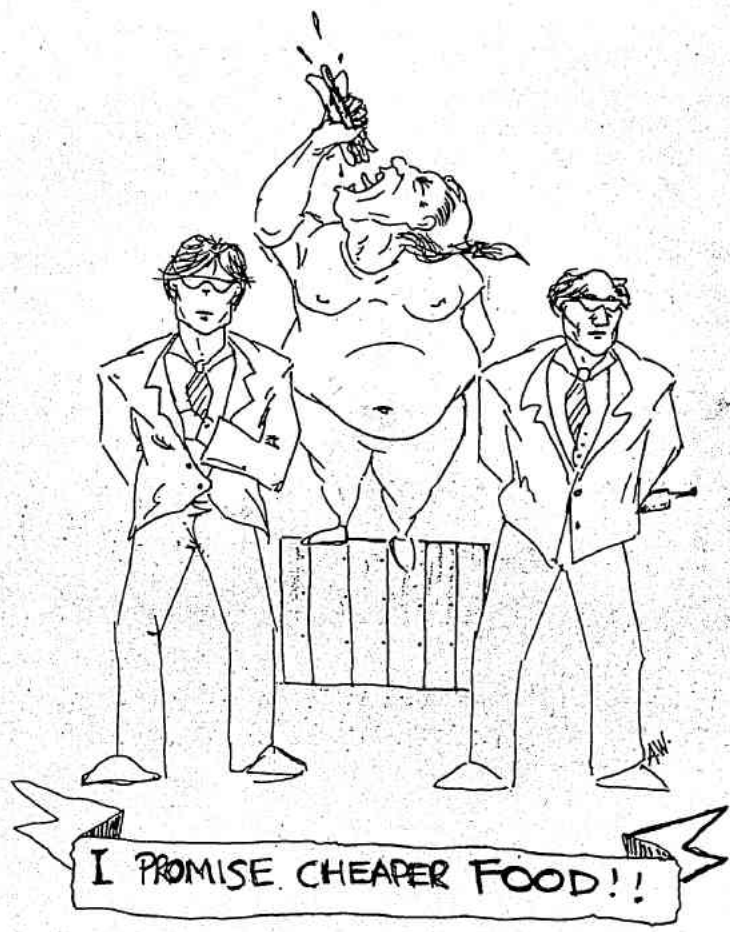
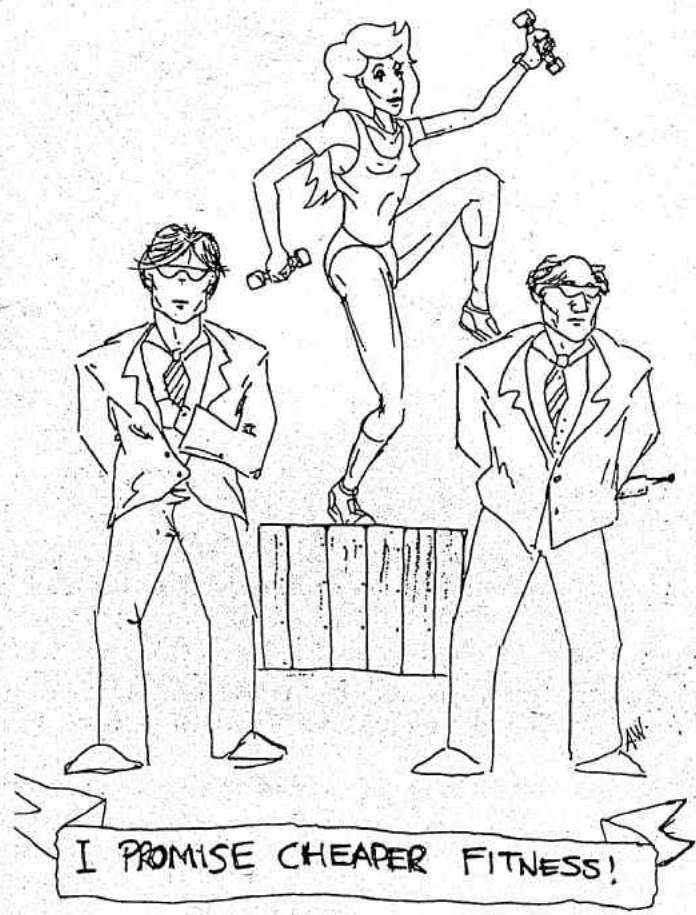
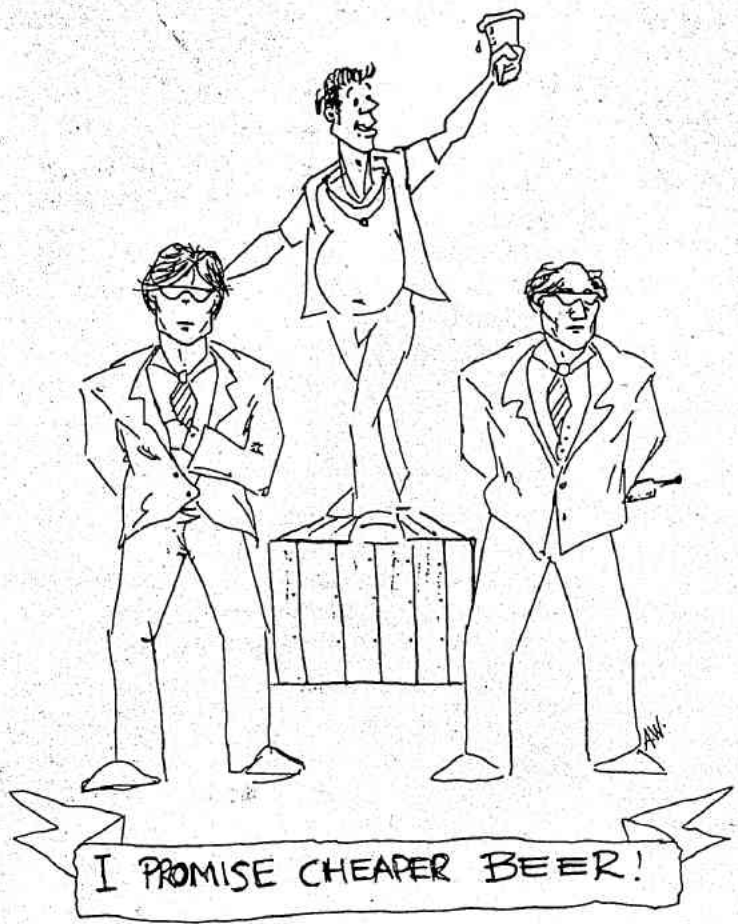
Arwen Beaton - 1st Year Chinese Studies

- China Club 1993
- ANU Fabians Vice-President 1993

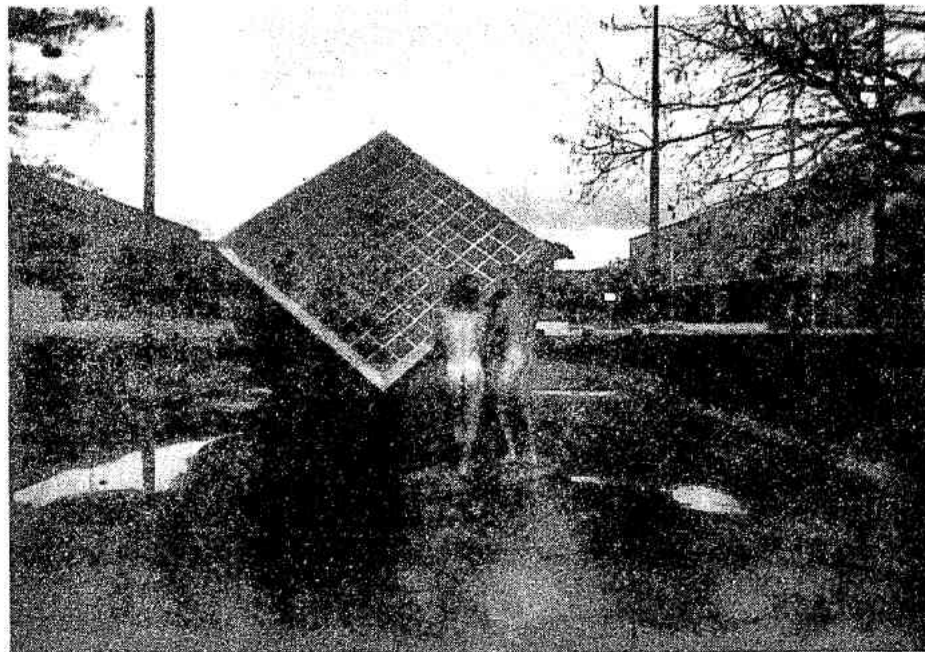
Stuart Englund - 5th Year BEc/LLB

- ANU Debating Society 1990-3
- Republic 2001 1992-3

Good Thinking 99...



Hunt— details



Eager contestants trying to catch the eye of the judges

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Contestants were asked to produce photographs of themselves engaged in various activities, specified by the judges, and to present a few official documents.



Dressing up as a Garbo and standing around outside The Bin one fine eve (no one noticed)



Condom a caucus member ...

ASIO
Secret Office No.5
Somewhere in Russell

Mr Paul Cutting
15 Gabriel Drive
Jerrabomberra NSW 2619

Dear Mr Cutting

Upon review of your application for position number SPY-007, we have decided to award you the position.

During your interview, and subsequent observations, we have noted you display particular aptitude in the areas of cracking onto tall blonde women, hiding behind trees and the manipulation of funny pens. These areas we have found to be most important in this area of employment.

Also in your favour was your presentation. Trenchcoat, dark glasses and a silly hat that hid your face from the light was considered most appropriate.

We look forward to working with you. Your first assignment is available from the waitress with short blonde hair, in the fast food outlet opposite park we met in. You will recognise her when she asks "Would you like fries with that?"

Welcome aboard, and good luck!


(Mr) Chief Quimby

P.S. This message will self destruct.



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Treasurer's Report



I have been rather busy in the last two weeks, developing a set of computer system recommendations, making enquires into employing a trainee administrator and so on. Please note that the General Meeting has a large number of proposals to improve the effectiveness of the SA office. Please come along.

Computers

There is a proposal for a major overhaul of the SA computers. The system will improve the facilities for clubs, the office, and Woroni. I propose that we take a residual payment lease on the computers, so we can spread the cost over a few years. This means that the cost of the new computers will be only \$3000 this year.

Trainee

I have moved a motion to employ a Trainee administrative assistant at the SA. It will cost us at the most \$7000 pa and employing an extra person will dramatically improve the running of the office so we can provide even better service to students. Unfortunately, space does not allow me to go into these motions in great detail. I have discussed these reforms in past reports and have heard little disagreement about them. If you have any questions please come and see me. Better still come to the General Meeting and participate in the decision making process of the SA.

The 1994 Budget

This is what is most important motion at the GM. Again, if you have any questions please come and talk to me.

Overview

The Students' Association will be requesting a GSF allocation increase for 1994. As shown in the proposed budget, this does not represent a radical expenditure programme, but rather acknowledges reductions in income and cash reserves, and the bolstering of several key expenditure areas. These expenditures represent an investment in the most heavily used parts of the SA facilities which has been absolutely vital to ensure their continued viability. The budget that I propose is as follows:

The increase in the GSF fee from the Students' Association is about seven dollars per student. NOTE: \$7 PER STUDENT. In the last few years the Liberal students have made a big issue about any increase in GSF. They set their budgets at unsustainably low levels and lived off the reserves of the Association. If you want a student organisation that does things for you, what's a \$7 increase? The Liberals are fixated (perhaps anally fixated) about the GSF and yet don't raise a murmur about the massive increases in HECS. A bit inconsistent don't you think?

Income

Cash Reserves

Between 1989 and 1991, the Students' Association accumulated approximately \$157,000 in reserves that was invested in five year bonds. In September of 1991 a special resolution of a General Meeting decided that this reserve was not a productive use of students' money and that \$25,000 should be granted to some of the larger clubs on campus. The 'Back on Track' administration submitted to the GSF committee that the remaining money

should be used to fund the SA administration of 1992.

This was perhaps an unwise decision for a number of reasons:

- 1) the application of reserves did not include a provision for a capital fund. The SA has had very little capital improvement in recent years. The main capital expenditure has been on computers that depreciate very quickly, with no provision possible for their replacement.
- 2) it did not acknowledge the sizeable bad debts that had accumulated over the years. At the end of 1991, there were \$20,496 worth of sundry debts, much of which was from now defunct clubs where the money could not be recovered.
- 3) most importantly for this year, the application of reserves cut the GSF fee down to a clearly unsustainable level. This meant that subsequent administrations would have to apply for a big increase in the GSF fee to fund the activities of the Students' Association.

That time is now. The reserve of cash is now all but spent, and we can no longer rely on the interest received from the reserve for income, or use it to subsidise our activities. Our chief source of funding is now the General Services Fee. The proposed budget is not for a big increase in expenditure, but to maintain the level of services and facilities that the Students' Association provides.

In regard to generational equity it is perhaps fairer that the funding of the SA be acquired from the GSF. The last three years has seen previous students funding current expenditure. Even if one supports the idea of a more 'user pays' system, it is better that the students that receive the services pay for those services. Any reserves should be used to improve capital rather than funding current activities. The dramatic fluctuations of the GSF fee in the last few years have led to confusion and an unsustainable GSF. This budget will allow for greater stability and better service.

Interest received

The SA now only receives interest from its operating cheque account. Because of the low interest rates and high charges, it has not been deemed worthwhile placing currently unused funds in long term accounts or bonds. We expect this to be the case in 1994, although the larger initial grant may mean that it is worthwhile to have a short, term deposit.

Shoshin Centre

At this stage it seems that the long awaited first floor refurbishment of the Union will go ahead in the summer break. Because of the reduced office space, the Shoshin Centre licence agreement will probably need to be terminated, leading to reduced income for the SA.

Expenditure

Office salaries

This is the biggest proposed increase in expenditure. The Students' Association office is used by almost one hundred students each day, and more in peak times. Many come to use the second hand bookstore, ask for advice and referral, or to apply for an emergency loan. Others are active members

of the 60 student clubs affiliated with the SA who use the services and facilities that the SA provides to further the interests of their members. At the same time the elected representatives of the SA are attempting to provide the best representation for students to the University, organise the large number of activities and maintain financial accountability of the SA's funds. The SA office is drastically under resourced. With only one full time office administrator the SA cannot provide the best service to its members. In 1994 we propose that the SA employ a part time book keeper and an office assistant.

The office assistant will manage the book store, maintain the office facilities, provide information and give advice and referral to students. This will dramatically improve the efficiency of the office and provide better service to students. Currently, the referral function of the new position has been done by members of the SRC. SRC members will continue to be volunteers in the office but will also have more time to carry out their representative function.

The Federal Government has a large number of trainee schemes that subsidise the wage of the employee. Aside from the benefits to the SA we believe that the position will provide an excellent opportunity for a long term unemployed person to get a wide range of skills to improve their employment prospects. The cost to the Students' Association of employing a trainee for three days a week is only \$7000. You can't get better value for better service for students.

In recent years the students of the ANU have, quite rightly, demanded greater financial accountability of its student organisations. This year it has become clear that the SA requires a part time book keeper to administer its accounts. The SA has a large number of different functions and activities, all of which require constant monitoring. It is impractical and absurd to expect that an unpaid and unqualified Treasurer should bear all the responsibility of managing the accounts, without proper support. On consultation with our auditor, we believe that the book keeper will be required one day a week, at a cost of approximately \$5000 pa.

The position of Administrator will remain, but with a far more important research and support function. S/He will draft letters, research various proposals, develop policy and monitor decision making. Most other Student Associations have such a position as it leads to a far more effective organisation. The position will not be a full time researcher who will be used by the SA to research the popular cause of the day (just imagine if the Liberals got in). It will be able to make sure that the SA can keep up with the hundreds of proposals that the University makes each year.

Audit and accountancy fees

This year the SA invested in an accounting software package that will reduce the costs of our annual audit and the employment of a part-time book keeper will mean improved financial records. The cost of the audit, we expect, will remain at \$3700 and the cost of any accounting will be reduced, to around \$300.

Legal expenses

In 1994 we hope, perhaps optimistically, that legal expenses will fall. A main point of legal contention in recent years, namely the appointment of the SA's Returning Officer, has been handed to the registrar. This has led to much greater legal harmony.

Conferences

Comparison between the two years gives an imperfect picture. Most of the expenditure on conferences (\$1000) by this administration was in December 1992 so is not included in the 1993 budget.

Special activities expenditure

Woroni

Woroni, is one of the most cheaply produced student newspapers in Australia, but over the last few years it has become clear that this has led to increasing difficulty in maintaining the quality of the newspaper. Hopefully the improved computer facilities of the SA will improve the work environment of the editors and allow them more time for layout and so on.

Orientation week

The SA is the main organiser of activities in this important week. While a number of activities are self funding, there are some important activities that cannot be provided by 'the market'. It does seem strange that a number of the colleges on campus have larger O-Week budgets than the SA. The increase in funds will provide more activities to encourage new and returning students to get involved in campus life.

The ITA Student Associations

From this year these associations receive their funding from the ANUSA rather than from the ITA Union. The \$1200 allocated to each group this year was clearly inadequate considering their size and range of activities that they provide.

Clubs and Societies

One of the most important functions of the SA is to encourage the activities of the clubs on campus. In recent years the range and number of active clubs has increased dramatically, and this has led to an increase in the demand for funds. While we do encourage self financing there are a number of activities that cannot take place without some support of the SA. In 1993, \$25,000 was budgeted for the C&S committee. This is clearly well below demand for funds and in 1994 we believe that \$30,000 is required.

International Student Service

This is one of the newest and most active departments of the SA. It provides services, advice and activities for the large number of international students on campus. This year it was allocated \$2000, but relied on existing funds allocated to them in late 1992. This is one of the reasons for the big increase in funding. Next year they hope to increase the range of services available to their constituents. This includes a newspaper and International Student Awareness week.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

In the last few years, there seems to have been little regard for the maintenance and improvement of the capital of the SA. The depreciation fund is not at the level it should be and there is no provision for capital expenditure. If we want an efficient and cheap SA, then a good computer system will achieve this.

Given that our computers get incredibly heavy use these items have a shorter life span and will need replacing and upgrading every three years. At the General Meeting, we are proposing a major upgrading of office and clubs and societies computers. The leasing proposal will be an excellent way to spread the cost over the years.

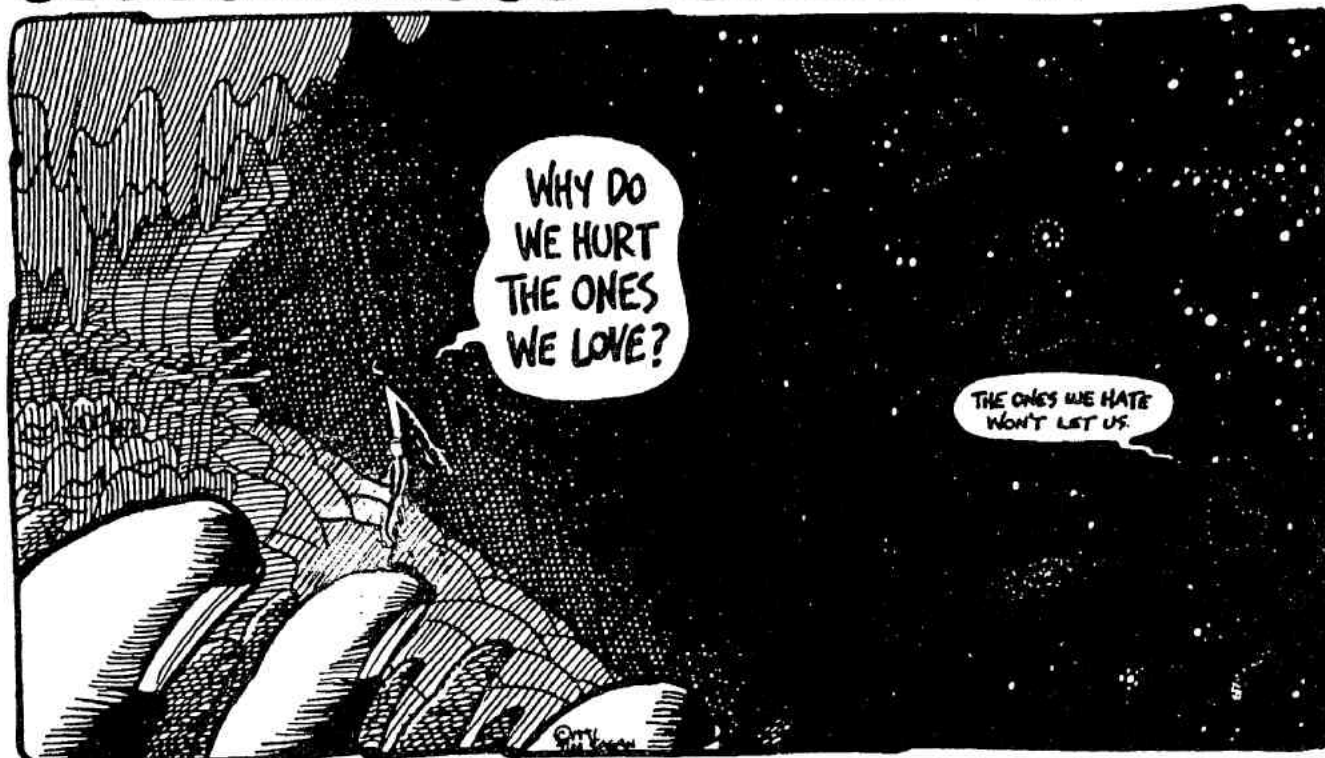
Hope to see you at the meeting.

Matthew Lobb
ANUSA Treasurer

Woroni—Free Press

Ask the Aardvark...

SUBCONSCIOUS COMICS TIM EAGAN



Dear Aardvark,
I have trouble seeing Dylan's relationship with Kelly as legitimate. Am I the only one who feels like this?
yours
Teen Angst

Dear Angst,
I conducted a poll on this question. 21% of them surveyed agreed with you, 8% thought Kelly was better looking than Brenda anyway, 17% disagreed, 51% had no idea what the fuck I was talking about and 3% voted for the return of Gilligan's Island. Their names have been given to Security.

Dear Aardvark?
Who was the first person ever to milk a cow—and what did they think they were doing at the time?

Yours,
Bovocentric

Dear Bovocentric,
This question was extensively researched by the University of Michigan (who also devoted federal grant money to the question of why the small cornflakes are found at the bottom of the packet). The answer is really as simple as some guy thinking to himself: "I think I'll go squeeze that cow and drink whatever comes out".

Dear Aardvark,
My girlfriend has left me for a toaster. What shall I do?

Yours,
Dumped

Dear Dumped,
Turn off the screen saver.

Dear Aardvark,
I am having problems at work. I work all the time, I have no friends and noone appreciates me. My boss is an evil tyrant/control freak and the last time I turned my back on her she tried to fire me.
Troubled

Dear Troubled,
Quit *Woroni* and get a life.

Agony columns through the decades—

Dear Aardvark
I am an 18 year old woman and have never had an orgasm. What's wrong?

Yours,
Frustrated

1950's: Females orgasms are a myth. Don't ever mention this again.

1960's: Have you tried a vibrator? Masturbation? An orgone box? Ben-wa balls? Marijuana? Esalen? Rolfing? Primal therapy? Tantric sex?

Aardvark: It is your birthright as a woman to have an orgasm. Show your partner EXACTLY what you want. If he can't or won't supply you with one, find someone who will. Remember: the unorgasmed life is not worth living.

Aardvark's Thought for the Day:

Hermits have no peer group pressure.

Woroni Competition

Some are born with fame.
Some achieve fame.
Some have fame thrust upon them.
And some have fame thrust upon them by the Chancellry Annex.

Woroni has realised that somewhere on campus lurks the stud(ent) Beverly Hills has claimed as their own, Brenda and Brandon's Australian cousin: student number 9021000. No longer shall this person cower in the darkness of their own anonymity. Claim your enrolment right and present yourself with your card at the *Woroni* office for a Beverly Hills makeover and free CD.

Another great *Woroni* competition

The latest rumour is that Kath Cummins, SA Prez and all-round popular gal, is seeking yet another first. Apparently Kath wants to be the first SA Prez to not be a student. Kath is only studying one subject—Property Law—but may be desperatley seeking to withdraw. Problem is, unlike other faculties, excessive work committments—like the NUS Referendum or agreeing to coach the ACT debating team—just don't cut it with the law faculty. A withdrawl is an automatic fail unless you can convince them that some unforeseeable act of God has occurred to prevent you from completing the unit. We at *Woroni* believe in student solidarity and ask you, the students, to save your elected rep from certain failure. Let's not make Kath humilitate herself with the old: "I'm really sick Mr Subdean" or "I'm having a nervous breakdown because my publishing arm are mean to me". Send your original and convincing excuses to *Woroni* today. If we all work together, we can make a difference.

Woroni—Free Press

HECS

Changes

Caitlin Wyndham
Green Alliance

•Double HECs (2X HEC !!!!) for second or further undergraduate degrees at the same or higher level. This will not affect students who are enrolled in an approved combined degree.

***Fifty percent more HECs (1.5X HEC !!!) if you take longer than the minimum course time plus one semester to complete a degree.** This change will probably be the one that hits students the hardest. (see below)

***New repayment rates and thresholds to be applied after July 1994 in respect of income earned in the 1993-94 financial year.** The threshold is still average weekly earnings, but students will now have to pay back the debt faster. Ausstudy loan repayments will accrue at the same rate.

The HEC system was originally introduced in 1989 to help pay for a massive expansion in Higher Education. It was believed that the upfront payments would be sufficient to pay for part of this expansion and the deferred payments would start to kick in later and help pay. As it turns out parents have used the same user pays argument the government uses on the community on their kids, and not enough students (or parents) have opted for the upfront option. Thus the government needs to collect the deferred repayments quicker. The HECs debt owed to the government is estimated at \$2 billion

SO WHAT DO THESE CHANGES MEAN?

Most of the expansion in university places that has occurred since the

minister for employment, education and training explains that there is a real increase in outlays to TAFE of 7.9% in 1992-93, with further increases promised.

The other major changes are the setting up of the Australian National Training Authority (ANTA) to 'promote a national vocational education and training system' (p3.56). The minister has also set up a special taskforce. Mass Education should provide Australian students with a diverse range of educational opportunities. It would seem that one viable, and highly desirable way to alleviate the problems of providing post-compulsory education for students is to increase the viability of TAFE. This budget doesn't offer much in this line.

it. This measure is likely to particularly affect disadvantaged students such as students from non-english speaking backgrounds and women students.

This change, the university-as-sausage-factory model, would also seem to be fatal for any sort of extra-curricular activities. It is clear that for most students uni is far more than lectures. University sport and recreation is very important to the whole community. Large numbers of students are involved in volunteer activism with groups such as the Wilderness Society, Community Aid Abroad, and volunteer community work. Participation in student and community organisations could become a very expensive prospect. Imagine too how much more difficult it is going to be to complain about course content or sexual harassment when a fail or withdrawal could mean that you pay fifty percent more HECs to repeat that unit.

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS IN THE BUDGET

The 1993 budget will open the way for the replacement of tribunal wage fixing for university staff with workplace bargaining. The aim is to increase the 'flexibility' of the higher education labour market. What we have to ask however is 'flexibility for whom?' These changes do not seem to offer much hope for improvement for disadvantaged staff, or for the smaller, more remote universities.

The government will provide a certain amount to the universities for their wages and the universities will have to find supplementary bonuses to compete with other universities to attract staff. The universities will also have to find 'productivity increases'. This move does not seem to be in keeping with the 'quality' aim of the government. Essentially what this system will mean is that the larger, richer campuses will be able to attract the high-class academics and smaller, more remote, newer campuses will simply be unable to compete.

This will also mean that these campuses will be less able to attract the full fees paying students, so won't be able to offer further staff incentives and the vicious circle continues. The quality of the education the students receive is bound to drop. Imagine how attractive it is going to be for a university to employ one high class academic rather

than three tutors, which will only increase overcrowding. Do we really want education to be an industry driven venture that must compete in the market place and be a profit-making venture?

It is fair enough to accept that the government can no longer be expected to cover all the costs of mass education in this country. These changes to HECs however seem to be targeted at the most disadvantaged groups receiving that education. The details are not clear, and the administrative costs of policing the system promise to be phenomenal. TAFE and other alternative post-compulsory training has hardly rated a mention.

As students we know that there are substantial problems with mass education such as overcrowding that will probably be aggravated by the industrial relations changes introduced in this budget. It is not however merely students who benefit from education, the entire country benefits by having a more educated and skilled society. This budget moves even closer towards a complete user-pays system and would seem to be leading to a lower quality of education with reduced diversity and accessibility rather than the other way around.

So What Can I Do???

If you don't like the sound of these changes, or you want to know more come up to the Student's Association and ask, or phone the HECs Hotline. (Available 8.30 am-5.00pm, EST, Mon-Fri until 15 September, 1993. (Freecall) 008 020108.

The Budget still has to pass through the Senate so it may not be too late to stop these changes. As you have probably heard the government has already backed down on the petrol tax increases. Student Organisations are lobbying the government and the Senate to encourage them to reconsider the changes. In particular the Greens and the Democrats have a free education platform so they may oppose these changes. These Senators hold the balance of power in the Senate so it is important that they know student concerns about this budget. You can write to Senator Brian Harradine (Ind), Senator Cheryl Kernot (Democrat) and Senator Christabel Chamarette (Greens).

Sources; Higher Education Budget Statement 1993, Minister for Employment, Education and Training. Newspaper Reports, 18-31 August

Taxable Income	% repayment 1994	% repayment 1993
Below \$26 403	nil	nil
\$26 403-\$30 004	3%	2%
\$30 005-\$42 005	4%	3%
\$42 006 and above	5%	4%

***Automatic HECs repayments through Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) tax deductions.** From July 1994, those people earning over the threshold will have additional PAYE deductions taken out of their income to cover anticipated HECs debts. These people will have to complete a new Employment Declaration which will be sent to them by the Australian Taxation Office by June 1994.

***Deregulation of Postgraduate Fees.** This will mean that instead of having fees set by the government, universities will be able to set the Postgraduate fees for their institution. The Council of Postgraduate Associations (CAPA) is opposed to this change because it will mean students will be charged higher fees and these may be changed every year.

***Increased support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students.** One bright spot on a dark education horizon

BACKGROUND

The government's stated commitments to higher education are three-fold: access, diversity and quality. It is useful to keep these goals in mind when reading about the changes to higher education in the 1993 budget.

introduction of HECs has in fact not been in first degrees, but in second degrees and postgraduate work. The government, in keeping with its commitment to 'diversity' wants to cut back on further degrees and make places available for school leavers, thus students doing further degrees are going to have to pay for it. Universities will be directed by the government to reserve a certain number of places for school leavers.

This commitment to school leavers is a commendable, however, the details of the system are very unclear and will be a huge administrative cost to the universities to police. The long term effect of such a change would also seem to be a country with mass education, but very basic education, where only the richer people can afford to become highly educated, or educated in a broad range of disciplines.

SO WHAT ABOUT TAFE?

It is interesting that although the government has a commitment to improving access and quality of vocational and TAFE training, and improving its viability as an alternative to other forms of post-compulsory study, there has been barely a whisper about it in the budget. At the very end of the Higher Education Budget Statement, 1993 the

THE 1.5X HEC CHANGE

The change that will probably hit students the hardest is the 1.5X HEC for students who take longer than one semester over the minimum course time to complete their degree. It has been estimated by the chair of the NSW Committee of Chairs of Academic Boards, Prof. John Loxton, that this change could affect 80 percent of students. The details of this change are not clear, apparently if a student takes time off because of 'approved absences', eg sickness, they will not be charged the extra fee. This will be an administrative nightmare and unless there are very clear, and well publicised guidelines it will be very difficult for students to judge whether their absence is approved. For example, students at this uni often spend an extra year to complete a unit that is only offered biannually. Will this be approved or will they be charged the extra fee, and who will decide?

It will be very important to set up a clear appeals procedure at the universities for students who believe they have been unfairly charged. It is also unclear as whether this change will be retrospective. Students and academics alike are opposed to this change, with even the Australian Vice-Chancellors Committee (AVCC) coming out against

Freedom Of SPEECH

—it is everyone's right

The issue of freedoms and rights is important in any organisation or community. There is little doubt that on a university campus, the importance of being able to speak openly and freely is paramount. There are many different people who work and live together at the ANU and all of whom need to be allowed to offer their thoughts and ideas on different matters.

University organisations, such as Clubs & Societies, student forums, tutorials, the Students' Association and committees are all very much based upon discussion of ideas and activities. People share their thoughts and comments (many of which are often critical) in order to improve what they are doing or develop a better perspective on their organisation. Whilst discussion or "workshopping" alone does not of its own achieve a particular job, it is a very important part of the process.

It is unfortunate that in many respects issues of 'rights' and 'freedoms' are considered in a very emotional light — many people believe that they have been personally or professionally violated if they do not have the right to do one thing or another. Basically, I am suggesting that opportunities like the freedom to do as one pleases or the right to free speech are not so much inalienable rites of passage in a university but are important to us all being tolerant of one another. Ultimately, the freedoms and opportunities that we do have are intended to help make us more understanding of different views and different people.

When we talk about the freedom of speech, we must expect that people

offer opinions that are critical, stating things we do not wish to hear. Freedom of speech at a university is most important in terms of people expressing themselves outside of what may be considered normal or "correct". The issue becomes significant or "clouded" when people say something that criticises an institution or an individual who may hold a position of power or authority. It is wrong to not allow people to contribute their opinions simply because we know that they are going to say things that we do not like. Criticism is as valuable as positive commentary and in the end, is the only way that members of a committee or officers within an association are going to know if they are doing the right thing. No-one likes to hear criticism of themselves or the organisation in which they are involved, but it is important to the development of that individual or organisation. On a university campus, people are primarily interested in knowing what the reality is and are less interested in images or perversions of what is actually happening. Often this does mean that we know and hear and say things that may hurt or may not be very complimentary. As I have already said, like any other community, a university is made up of many different people with many different ideas and respect is due to each and everyone who

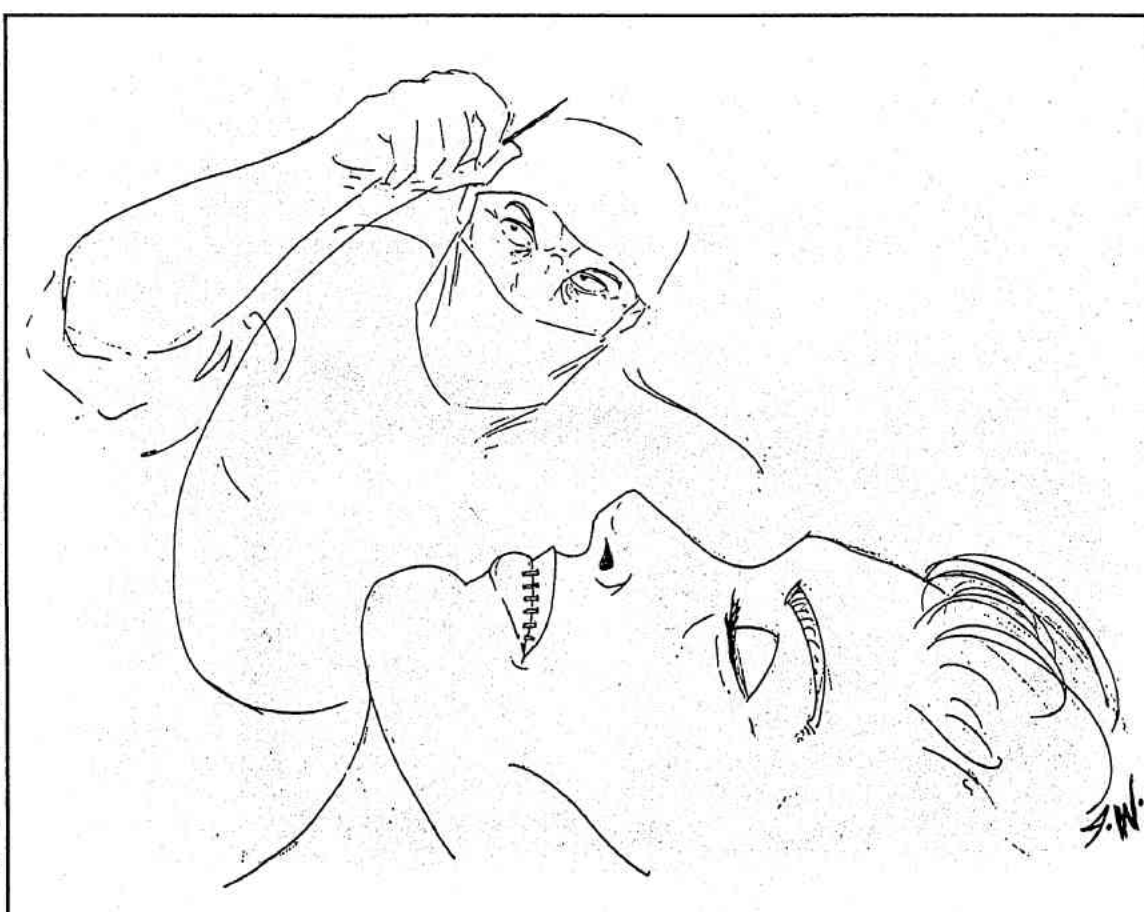
makes up that university no matter how far from the norm that person is placed.

Whilst I have suggested that criticism and the opportunity to offer radical ideas should be based very much upon tolerance, discussion is very much a "two-way street". In other words, it is also important to consider the role that criticism plays in a discussion or on an issue from the point of view of the person giving it or saying it. In my opinion, criticism is most helpful when it is constructive. Being derogatory or being outright offensive towards an individual or a group helps no-one. For example, I was disappointed to read the President's Report in the last issue of "Woroni" where it seemed very clear (in the P.S. section at the end of the report) that on the one hand, Kath Cummins (Presi-

dent of the Students' Association) was spiteful towards the editing techniques of the Woroni editors and on the other hand, the editors turned around and responded by being offensive towards Kath. As a reader of Woroni and a friend of both Kath and the Woroni editors, it was frustrating to read this passage which I thought did nothing constructive. In fact, this form of criticism is very destructive.

To be able to speak openly and freely is important to everyone, particularly to most students who generally like to add their "two bobs worth" to an argument. Discussion and speech should not be stifled, but if it is critical, it will be most effective if presented in a constructive and helpful manner.

SIMON BRETTELL



Monkey experiments in ANU —

This interview was conducted in response to a recent article in *Woroni* by a "John Smith" on the primate experiments at the JCSMR. A scientist working on the project was interviewed by a student from the Arts Faculty.

1. Can you explain briefly what goes on in the experiments you are conducting on monkeys at JCSMR?

A monkey is first trained in certain tasks, that involve the monkey's ability to discriminate between visual objects and to remember them. Later we record the activity of nerve cells in certain areas of the brain as the monkey performs these tasks. The aim is to understand the neural basis of visual perception and memory.

2. It was claimed in the article by "John Smith" that your experiments are cruel. What makes you so sure the monkey suffers no distress?

The techniques in question are well established in a number of laboratories in the world and do not cause any pain or distress. Brain tissue is devoid of pain receptors and no amount of calling the insertion of microelectrodes as "brutal" and "torture" is going to induce pain. In fact "John Smith" seems to know this, since he states, in a different context, how such recordings can be and have been

done on conscious human beings. Such human studies, done for a specific and rare clinical purpose, have vindicated the method as pain-free. Furthermore, all known indicators of the animal's well-being point to the fact that the techniques used cause no anxiety, distress or pain.

A description of experimental methods can be made to sound unacceptable by the addition of emotive words and adjectives (eg., torture, brutal). This is a common method adopted by those against animal experimentation.

3. Critics of these experiments claim they have no clinical application. What is the usefulness of the experiments?

The experiments deal with fundamental issues in neurology. It is basic research - anatomy and physiology of the brain. Clinical applications most often follow break-throughs in basic understanding. At the moment understanding of brain function is very limited.

It is quite easy for me to launch on a long list of possible uses that can come out of understanding mechanisms of memory and how the brain sees. To be brief and specific, some of the brain areas we will be studying are precisely those affected in diseases such as Alzheimer's Disease and the tasks we train the monkeys on are pre-

cisely ones in which amnesics perform poorly. I am not suggesting that we are developing a cure for amnesia, but there will be no real understanding of memory loss until we grasp the basics of how we remember things.

No "excuses" are needed for conducting basic research. Not undertaking basic research is like someone hoping to be a car mechanic without having any understanding of how a normal car works. It is not any "retraction" to say that the research is "pure science". There have been no retractions from us as the writer claims. I would turn it around and say that basic research is the mainstay of medical progress. In fact the John Curtin School has established its international reputation mainly through groundbreaking work in basic research - pure science.

4. Why is it necessary to conduct animal experiments in this area when scientists can conduct clinical experiments on humans?

There is no single and exclusive way to understand normal function and disease processes. One needs an integrated approach, with a number of different lines of research exploring different aspects of an issue. Animal experiments as well as other approaches like clinical studies on humans all ultimately give us a more complete picture of health and disease.

There are very many limits to what can be understood purely from studying patients. For instance, the question of the localisation of visual functions in the brain has been debated over and over again by neurologists for more than a century without making much headway. However, experiments conducted on monkeys in about a dozen laboratories around the world, firmly established within a span of 10 years, the concept of

functional localisation of visual functions like perception of colour and movement. Many details are yet to be worked out, but armed with the knowledge from animal experiments, scientists have been able to pave the way for understanding these functions in the human brain.

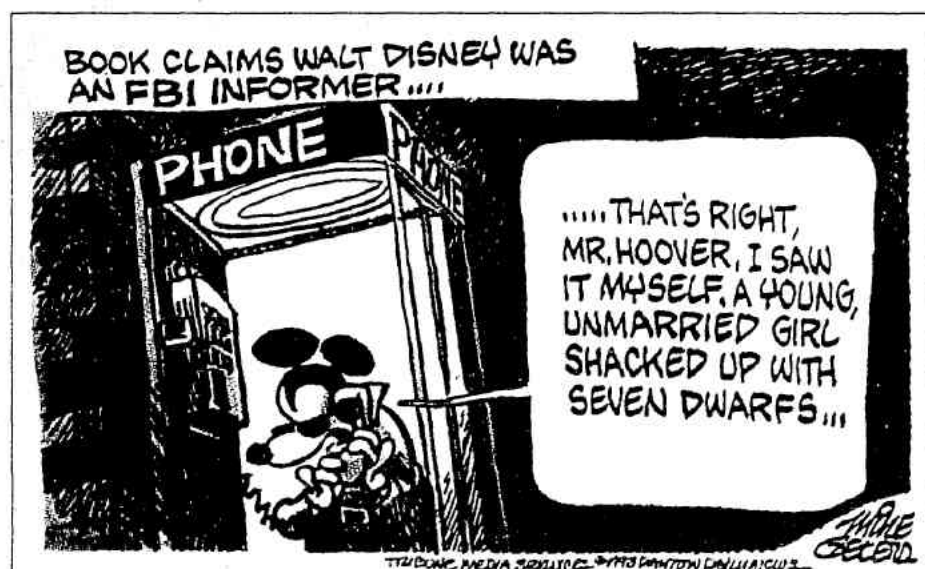
5. The recent *Woroni* article written by "John Smith" claims that you will never be able to get useful information about the "normal" animal from these experiments because the very process of experimentation affects the animal in some way and so it is "no longer normal".

That is a case of unrealistic nit-picking. This argument can be applied to any piece of research in any field. That you cannot understand "normal" function by a procedure that might perhaps somehow disturb it, has little practical validity. Of course physics says (Heisenbergian uncertainty principle) that you cannot have a complete understanding of a system, since the very process of measurement will affect something in the system. However, this has not prevented us from doing scientific experiments and achieving many technological feats like sending someone to the moon and bringing the person back. The important caveat is the word "complete". With appropriate choice of methods, most aspects of a system can in fact be legitimately studied.

The writer is also again using emotive words for creating the impression that the procedures are very invasive and traumatic to the extent that it would make all observations invalid.

6. "John Smith" quotes from a scientist's article in the *Science Digest* magazine to back up his point of view.

People against animal experi-



The Facts

ments often quote from obscure "scientific" sources of dubious standing or cite more respectable people, but totally out of context. In twenty years of research in many countries I have never come across Science Digest magazine in any university library. The only reference I have been able to find to this journal is in the respected American journal 'Science'. The article is entitled 'Court Finds That Science Digest Infringes on Logo of Science.' The court described Science Digest as being full of 'implausible articles' and as a 'flashy upbeat magazine that differs from Science as a Philip Roth novel differs from a Shakespeare play, as Bo Derek does from Katherine Hepburn.'

I also checked up on the author of the article in Science Digest, "W.H. Wheeler". Scouring through the complete computerised records of scientific journals over 35 years, I did not find a single scientific publication by this particular "scientist", who seems to vehemently oppose animal experimentation. If you keep trying, you can always find someone with a title of "Dr." to say something against almost anything. With literally millions of "doctors" in the world, I am surprised that the anti-vivisectionists have not done better in ob-

taining more adverse quotations.

7. Critics of these experiments have referred to comments made by the medical historian, Dr. Robert Sharpe who has said that 'there are plenty of brain damaged people around the world agreeing to be used as human models'.

I've attended over thirty five international conferences on neuroscience and I have not met him. Nor have I met anyone who seemed to have known Dr. Robert Sharpe. Again, I used the university computer facility to educate myself on Dr. Sharpe's contribution to neuroscience, medicine, history, medical history or anything at all. Unfortunately, neither Medline nor the Humanities Archives brought up any scientific contribution to any journal, except a couple of letters to the editor, criticising animal experiments. Certainly his standing as "medical historian" must be called to question.

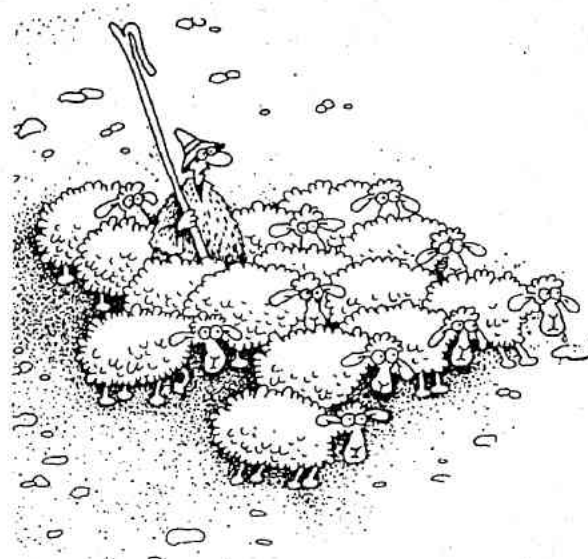
It is curious that "Dr. Sharpe" should mention the patients who have volunteered themselves for some neurophysiological experiments during brain surgery for intractable epilepsy. One of the leading scientists who have done such studies is my former col-

laborator, Professor Otto Creutzfeldt, who in fact got involved in such experiments as an extension of his work on awake monkeys. I am very much aware of these experiments, but they only complement the animal studies in a limited way, and cannot in anyway substitute for them.

8. Is the ANU Animal Ethics Committee effective in ensuring that the guidelines are followed?

Before I answer this question, I just like to state that "John Smith's" version of the submission of my experimental protocol to the ethics committee is grossly distorted.

The Ethics Committee can speak for itself, but I am convinced of the good record of the Committee. ANU was one of the first universities to institute an animal ethics committee and has very strict guidelines. With regards to the article written by "John Smith", I'm concerned that the representatives on the committee from the



RSPCA are so heartily criticised without a chance to speak for themselves.

9. In general, how do you feel about recent criticism directed against you and these experiments?

I believe the public has every right to comment on animal experiments. In fact I spent three hours one evening addressing an Animal Liberation meeting about my experiments and animal experiments in general. What I am concerned about is when the truth is distorted, when misinformation is spread and those with the loudest voices are not prepared to listen to another point of view.

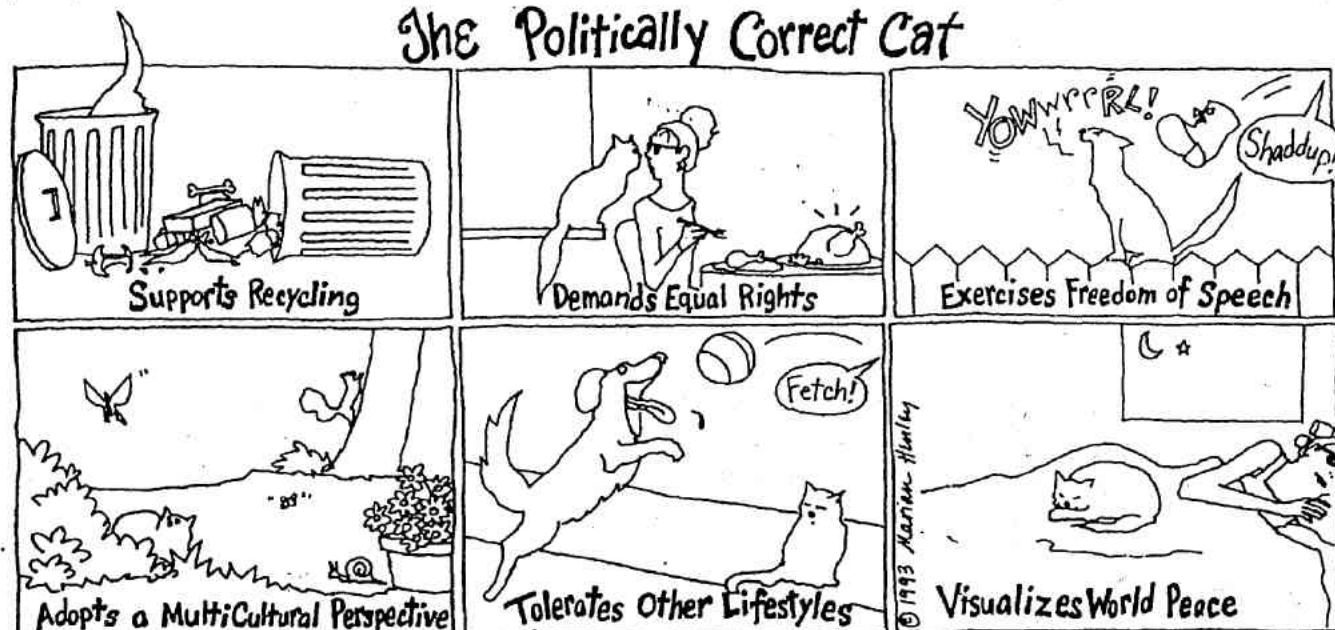
I don't believe that the Animal Liberation movement has a monopoly on morality nor does it hold the ultimate knowledge on animal welfare. I have been maligned in public several times since this issue blew up and any attempt to explain my work or defend myself has been shouted down - or worse still wrapped up in some conspiracy theory about international research cartels.

I also have an interest in animal welfare and have always worked to the highest standards with regard to the animals in my care. I am a committed environmentalist and a member of the Greens. I am a total vegetarian, given innumerable public talks on vegetarianism in 4 countries over 15 years. I won't even let my family keep pets because I am not convinced it is ethical.

Maxine

The Politically Correct Cat

by Marian Henley



ANU DEBATING SOCIETY

The A.N.U. Debating Society has been keeping busy with various activities throughout this term. It has been pleasing to see many members and students coming along to these events and we hope to see you at our upcoming activities. These events include:

1993 TRIVIA NIGHT— one of the social events of the year!

- ☆ Friday, 10 September (this week)
- ☆ Commencing at 6:30PM, Karmel Rooms, upstairs in the ANU Union
- ☆ Tickets = \$10.00 which includes dinner — drinks will be available
- ☆ Form a table of 6-8 to compete in this trivia quiz — some great prizes are on offer
- ☆ Tickets can be purchased from the Union Office and are on sale during lunchtime this week in the Union Refectory

SELECTION DEBATES—

★ If you are interested in standing for selection for either the Sydney Mini-Intersivity (October Long Weekend, Sydney) or the 1994 World Intersivity Debating Championships (1st week of January, Melbourne), please register your interest at the Debating Society Office.

THE SELECTION DEBATES ARE TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 1993 and will be held on the Union Bridge.

★ All members are very welcome to stand for selection for these debating competitions.

★ Please leave a note at the Debating Society Office expressing your interest in standing for selection BY THURSDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

★ Contact: Tim Hughes (Intersivity Officer), ph. 257 2646.

ANU COURSE & CAREERS DAY DEBATE— September, 11 September, 1993

★ The Debating Society will be having a promotional stand and staging a public debate at the "A.N.U. Course & Careers Day" on 11 September.

★ Debate commences at Crisp Lecture Theatre Building (The Manning Clark Centre)

★ **TOPIC:**
"That 9 out of 10 students agree"

★ If you are interested in taking part in this debate, please contact out External Debates Officer (Peter McInnes) on ph. 248 0985.

LUNCHTIME SPEAKERS IN THE UNION—

PP The next speaker in the Debating Society's "Lunchtime Speakers in the Union" is DR. PATRICIA EASTEAL from the Institute of Criminology.

★ 1:00PM, Wednesday 15 September 1993

★ The Union Bridge (near the Debating Society Office)

★ Dr Easteal will be talking about the issue of violence against women

★ This issue is important and this talk will allow you to offer your views.

If you have any enquiries about any of our activities or would like to learn more about the Debating Society, please do not hesitate to contact us or come to our office on the Union Bridge.

Additionally, all members are welcome to attend our **Committee Meetings which are now held on MONDAYS 12.00PM-1.00PM on the Union Bridge.**

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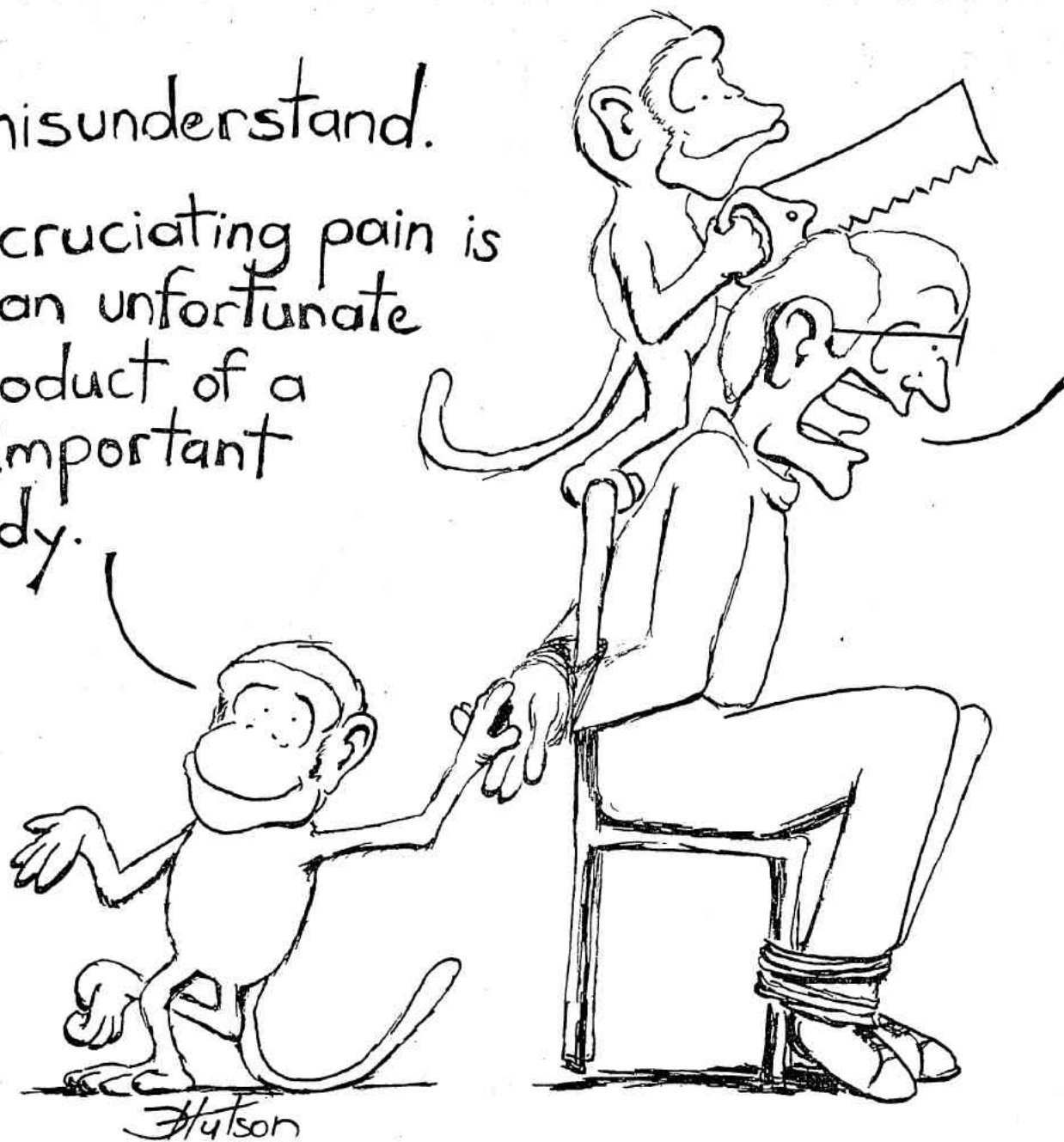
After a hard fought home and away season, both grades of the ANU Australian Football Club are in the finals of the MAFL. Firsts clinched second spot with a solid win over East Canberra at the weekend. Inspired by the headwear and hard tackling of Damien Batterson, the firsts withheld an early blitz by the Jets to win comfortably. After soundly beating top placed ADFA two weeks ago, the ANU must be favourites to take their first premiership since 1982.

Second grade have also reached the finals after a convincing win over finals pretenders

Goulburn. Jens Light and Peter Foley were the pick for the seconds as they won every quarter against a side which gave the seconds a hiding at Goulburn. This win means ANU II must defeat ADFA II is the first elimination semi final before tackling Harman and Ainslie to clinch the flag.

Both ANU Australian Rules teams have a real chance to emerge premiers from the 1993 MAFL finals series. This would result in our first premiership in over a decade. So, in the words of coach Peter Foley, "become a fucking legend".

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Simon! Get these bloody monkeys off me!

The State of the Union

Now that Union Board elections are upon us, Kate Sullivan reflects on a year of frustration and small triumphs.

All this year, we on the Union Board have been continually confronted by students and other activists claiming that we've done little to deserve the faith that students showed in us last year. While we are always open to comment, discussion and dissent (and are proud of being more accessible than recent boards) we find it hard to, in a short space of time, accurately convey what it is like being on the Board. This article is then, in a way, a reply to all those who have approached us since November last year (including the one who threw hot chocolate all over the Chair's desk).

When we were elected, we were confident of bringing a new spirit to the Union in as short a time as possible. We had seen how one year of a different sort of administration had significantly changed the Students' Association. There are several reasons why this is just not possible.

Firstly, when the SRC is elected, they are elected en masse. The Union Board has a 2 year term, with only half the positions being contested each year. The incumbents had been elected in very different circumstances, and had a markedly different view of what the Union was about. Attitudes and compromises are not overnight entities, and they take time to develop. Over the past 10 months, the Board has learnt to work together, to co-operate to fulfil all our dreams for the Union.

In addition, there are three representatives who are on the Board representing the University. It should be self-evident that our opinions and their's would not always coincide, and that we would have very different and often conflicting agendas. Once again, over time, the Board has attempted to work successfully, and to accommodate different viewpoints.

One of the main differences between the Union and the SA is that while the SA has only one non-elected staff member, the Union has a full time professional staff that oversee the day-to-day operations of a \$5 million enterprise. Your student

representatives are part-time, unpaid voluntary ones (with the exception of the chair), who have the ability to set the tone and the broad guidelines for the staff to follow.

The most challenging problem that we have faced this year is undoubtedly the marriage of our views of a student centred union with the straightened financial circumstances that we find ourselves in. The union's lack of a positive financial result (ie we have a loss) is a combination of previous boards' views on taking GSF funds and the general overall recession. We have spent the year cutting costs and attempting to streamline the operation into a more responsive one. No one is happy with the financial position we are in. At the same time, this should not be taken as an indication that we are about to embark on a full scale pursuit of mega profits. If the union was to make a surplus from its commercial activities, that would be ploughed back into the provision of non-commercial services and facilities for students. The Union has recently completed a strategic plan which foresees such outcomes as possible and desirable (copies of this plan are available from the

Union).

The main point that I would like to make is that working with the Union this year has not been a triumphant procession through the ruins of the Liberal administration. It has been about survival. If we were really as ineffective and as incompetent as some suggest, the Union would have ceased to exist as a student organisation in about March. But students are still here, sometimes assuming a bunker mentality as each successive threat to students' autonomy is received. We have and will continue to resist any challenge to "student control of student affairs", and we like to think that we have students' support in this.

This week you are faced with making a choice as to the next lot of Union board members. I urge you to think carefully before making any rash decisions. It has taken a long hard year for your student representatives to get as far as we have, in our efforts to restructure and redefine the Union for students' benefit. I hope that you will consider carefully whether your choice will help us to move forward or will hurtle us back to the Dark Ages.

AFRICAFE— NOT JUST A CUPPA BUT A JUST CUPPA

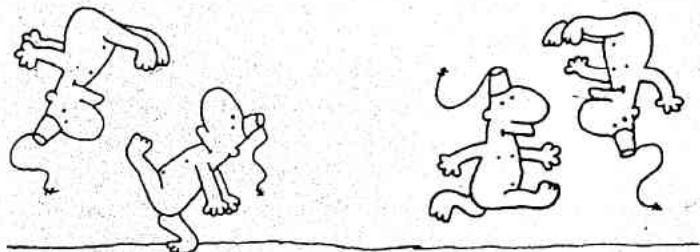
By now we hope that you have heard about Nestlé's unethical marketing practices regarding breast milk substitutes. The ANU Community Aid Abroad Group has been promoting a boycott of all Nestlé products, with lunch-time information stalls and petitions. Many students have asked about an alternative coffee to Nescafé and we are proud to announce the arrival on campus of **AFRICAFE**.

Africafe is an award winning blend of instant coffee produced by a womens cooperative in Tanzania. **Africafe** is produced in an ethical manner whereby plantation workers are not exploited by multinational companies, but are justly rewarded for their labour. It is marketed in Australia by Community Aid Abroad Trading, therefore bypassing the unjust international trading system in coffee.

ANU-CAA has organised for **Africafe** to be sold at the Union Supermarket. It will be sold in 100 gram foil sachets at a price that is cheaper than Nescafé and most other coffees. We ask the

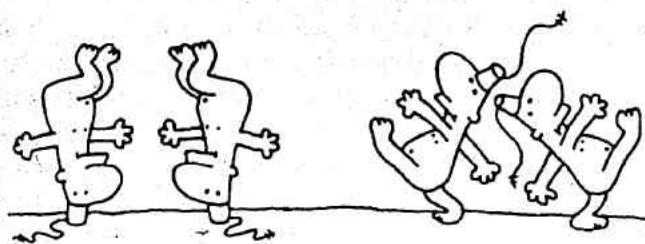
campus population to support us in this endeavour as the continued sale of **Africafe** at ANU depends on your support.

Our stall during Bush Week saw many new faces sign our petition and find out about the Nestlé boycott. We also had Mabo message cards for Paul Keating and information about the CAA/ Freedom from Hunger Annual Doorknock. Thanks to all of those who donated to our bucket appeal. We raised \$280 which will go towards rebuilding the lives of the people of Chicomo in Mozambique, who are recovering from the turmoil created by civil war, and other CAA projects. We are still looking for people who could spare a few hours over the weekends 4/5 September and 11/12 September, to doorknock. Our group will be doorknocking in Ainslie and we desperately need a few more volunteers. If you can help please phone Julie ph 249 6040 or Pragati ph 258 3654. OR come to our meetings at 10am every Friday in the Bridge, Union Building.



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YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS

If you or someone you know is a particularly fantastic person under the age of 26 as at 1/1/93 and who has been a resident in NSW or ACT for a two year period then you may be interested in the Young Achiever Awards.

Nominations are open in the following seven categories

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- Nissan Arts Award

The winner from each category will receive a \$5,000 St George Freedom Account and a magnificent marble trophy. One will be chosen as the NSW Young Achiever of the Year and win an additional \$5,000 from St George and a first class trip for two to any capital city flying Ansett Australia staying at a five star Hilton International Hotel plus a Nissan Pulsar TI Hatch and an enormous head swell..

Nominations close Friday 24th September 1993. Nominations should be accompanied by up to 1000 words in point form stating details of achievements, a photo if possible and press clipping where applicable. Entry details are available from St. George, Medibank Private, DEET and CES branches or by phoning the Awards office—(06) 257 2118

STARCKE

NOT THE BOOK BUT THE REAL THING

The Starcke wilderness region is a pristine area of 200 000 hectares on Cape York Peninsula and includes 120km of coral reef—fringed coastline between Cape Flattery and Cape Melville.

The area is the traditional land of the Guugu—Yimmidhurr and the Guugu—Gambill—Mugu people. Though dispossessed, they maintain their connection with the land through traditional hunting and fishing, while protecting the area from poachers and smugglers.

In September 1989, land developer George "I subdivided the Daintree" Quaid gained freehold title to 24 300 hectares of Starcke for \$30 000.

Investigations by the Wilderness Society has raised many questions about the legitimacy of those deals and are calling for an independent inquiry into what has been described by the Queensland Minister for Lands, Mr Geoff Smith as "Freeholding conducted in a very shoddy manner." Further investigation shows that the present Queensland Government is attempting to incorporate a further

13 600 hectares into Starcke Pastoral Holdings.

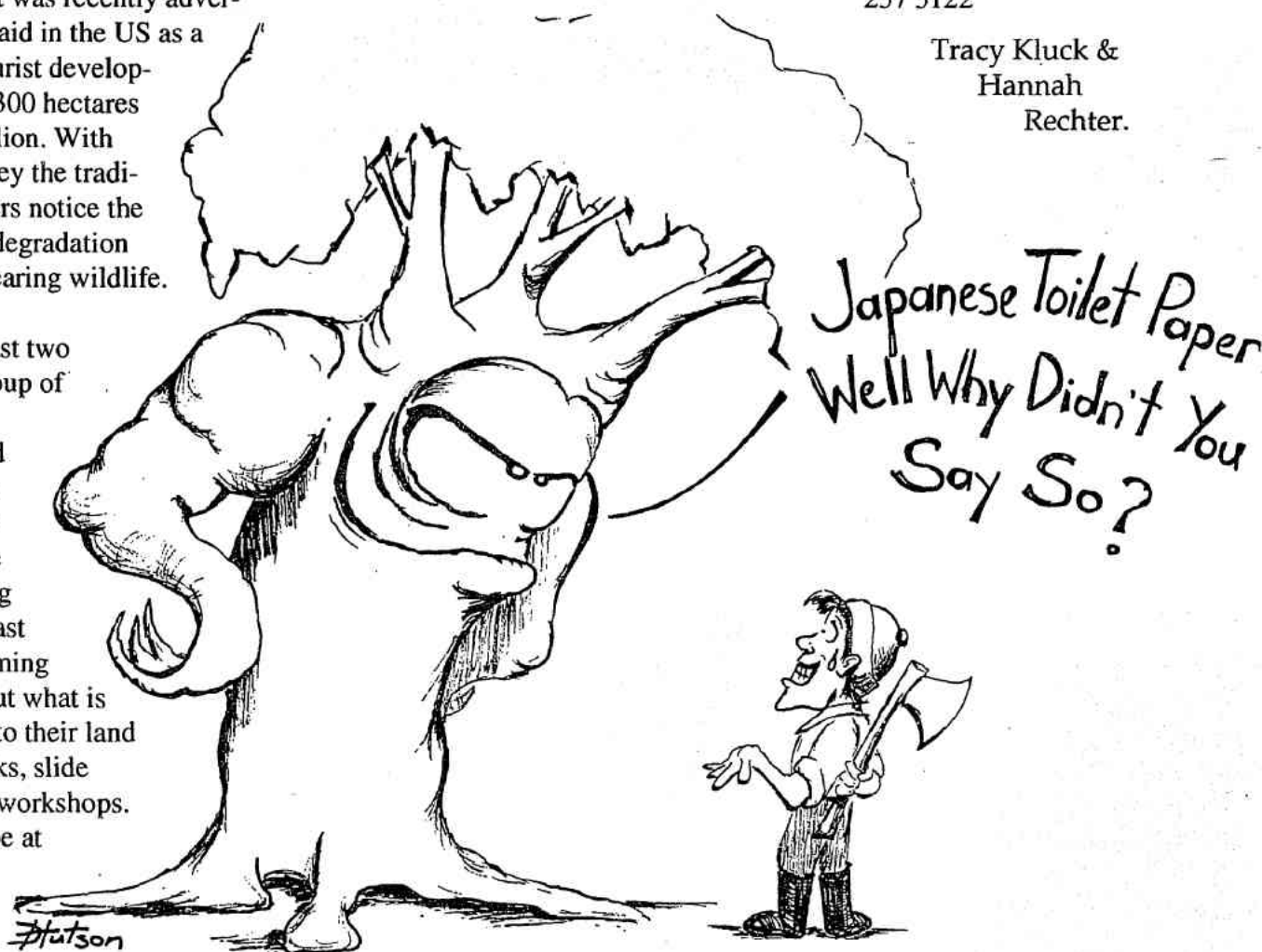
At present the future of Starcke is uncertain. It was recently advertised by Quaid in the US as a 'frontier tourist development' - 24 300 hectares for \$18 million. With every journey the traditional owners notice the increasing degradation and disappearing wildlife.

Over the past two weeks a group of traditional owners, and elders from the Starcke region have been touring down the east coast informing people about what is happening to their land through talks, slide shows and workshops. They will be at ANU on the *th September holding a lunchtime talk between 1-

2 pm in the Karmel Room in the Union Building. Also on the 8th they will hold a Cape York Slide

Show at 7.30p, at the Griffin Centre, Bunda St Civic, hosted by the Wilderness Society. For more information contact Lucy on 257 5122

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Time: 7:30pm

Date: 15/9/93

Place: Toad Hall
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∞ The Korean Ball ∞

Date: Thursday, 16th September.

Venue: Blundells Restaurant, Capital Park Royal Hotel.

Time: Arrive by 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM Sharp!

Dress Code: Formal, Semi-formal.

Price: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members.

ANU Students: Burton & Garren, **Duk-San LEE**, (B104). Ph 267-4738.

Sun-Jae AN, (D311). Ph 267-4382.

Bobby LEE, (C323). Ph 267-4512.

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QUEER COLLABORATIONS

The third Queer Collaborations conference was held at Sydney Uni earlier this month. Students from Universities all around Australia attended, including one brave soul from the Catholic University!!

There were three days full of workshops and forums. Attendance and opinion of these varied. Here's what some queer collaborators had to say:

"I went to the transgender workshop and spent half of it trying to work out if the presenter was male or female then came away doubting that there are such categories of males and females. However, later that night at the *Albury* my suspicions that the categories exist were affirmed."

"It's great that it happens and could be really good. But some people weren't really listening to other people's positions. Rather they just took over and dogmatically asserted their own."

"The **S & M** workshop was great."

"It was better than last years because more discussion was based around diversity within the community. Space was created for asians, blacks, bi's, S & M queers etc. to tell of their experiences."

"I'm in love with my billet."

"The pornography workshop was a hands on experience. Have you ever seen a woman ejaculate? I have now!!"

"There could have been more theory. I found the discussion in a number of workshops too simplistic. A more theoretical analysis could have changed this."

"As a dyke I found the boys eye

view of public sex interesting in the beats workshop. I wonder how well patronised the QC beats were?"

"The party was great, we went out Thursday night and got back Sunday."

"The networking aspect was Faaabulous!!! (I've now got the phone numbers of cute queers in every state.)"

All in all QC was definately worth the effort (and the C & S funding). We are all looking forward going to a new and improved one next year.

Hope more people "come out" to next years. Cheers, Bridge and La.

GLOC UPDATE

* The next GLOC meeting is on Friday September 10 at 4pm at the **Meridian Club** in Mort St. Braddon. Anyone with an interest in queer issues is welcome to come along and have a drink and a chat. This will be our first meeting for spring. Who knows what will happen!!!

* A woman from UCan is doing

research on portrayals of queers in the media. She wants get about fifteen people together to watch some clips of thigs like *Melrose Place* and discuss them. Anyone who is interested let us know.

* Our last meeting was great. About 25 people turned up to hear two of the HRC visiting fellows, Gayle Rubin and Gary Dowsett, talk about their life and work.

Great to see so many people there but what happened to the other half of our members? The meetings are very informal and even Gayle didn't bite.

* Does every one know that the theme for **Sleeze Ball** this year is **gold and silver**. This year it is on October 2. Perhaps we can organise a group to go up for those of you who are rich enough to be able to afford it.

* Anyone who has time, energy and ideas. We are always looking for help and input with GLOC.

* GLOC (gays and lesbians on campus) is perhaps no longer

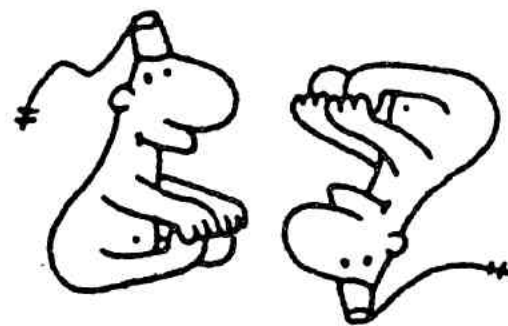
the best name for us considering that people in our group don't all identify as gay or lesbian. Many call themselves queer or bisexual, if they choose to identify at all!!! So all you "creative and diverse individuals with queer

issues" come along to our next meeting with your inspirational ideas for a **new name**. Some suggestions have been **PRIDE**, **QUEERS**

ON CAMPUS (QOC), **CAMP(US)**.

* Anyone with their head in the closet may not have realised that the Humanities Research Center theme for this year is **Sexualities and Culture**. There have been several really interesting conferences and work in progress seminars. There are still a few seminars to go and anyone is welcome. Ask us or inquire at the HRC for details.

* Anyone who has any queries give us a yell. Love La (2881415) & Bridge (2512884).



MUSIC



Ronnie Wood - Slide On This (MC)

The new boy in a moderately famous British rock and roll band, Ronnie Wood has pulled out his big guns for his first solo album in ten years. Wood only writes sporadically for the Stones, so has been able to draw on a wealth of material for "Slide On This". It is in essence a collaboration with Bernard Fowler, who has been involved in various Stones and Mick Jagger projects for about seven years, as well as being a respected solo artist. The pair wrote, sung and produced the album. Others involved include the Stones' wild man: drummer Charlie Watts, Def Leppard screamer Joe Elliot, the Hot-house Flowers, and a silly named guitarist for an Irish band that just may well live to take the mantle of "the greatest rock and roll band in the world" from the Rolling Stones. With all this pedigree, the album "Slide On This" shines, with Ronnie Wood's Dylanesque warblings on such songs as "Show Me", "Testify" and "It Must Be Love" proving that he is a valid creative force without the Rolling Stones.

Dramarama - Work For Food (CS)

I'm a big fan of Dramarama's desperate, cynical and humorous look at life combined with a musical onslaught provided by massively amped out of tune guitars. "Work For Food" is more of the same, but my attention was captured by the b side, "Prayer", a song about drugs which gives us one of the few references in snot in modern music.

Shihad - I Only Said (CS)

A New Zealand industrial metal band. A Mr Coleman from a certain Killing Joke produced this ditty, and despite coming out of a country only recently introduced to colour TV, this is damn close to the cutting edge of a very interesting genre.

The Dogs D'Amour - All Or Nothing (CS)

The Dogs go for commercial success with a Small Faces cover version, which isn't commercial enough for any sort of success, nor innovative enough for a second glance from those who have actually heard of the band. Close, but no banana.

Unitone Rockers featuring Steel - Children Of The Revolution (CS)

Another unabashed greedhead cashing in on the movie Jurassic Park, this time by taking an old song by a band named after a dinosaur (T Rex) and setting it to a reggae beat, since the movie is set in the Carribean. Shameless.

Hot Metal Hard Core Sampler - CD

An eight track offering from the vaults of Warner Music, including Vince Niel, Primus, Winger and Anthrax. Highlights include the Dinosaur Jr track (despite being another obvious cash in on Jurassic Park) and the self titled track from Porno For Pyros.

2 Unlimited - No Limits (MC)

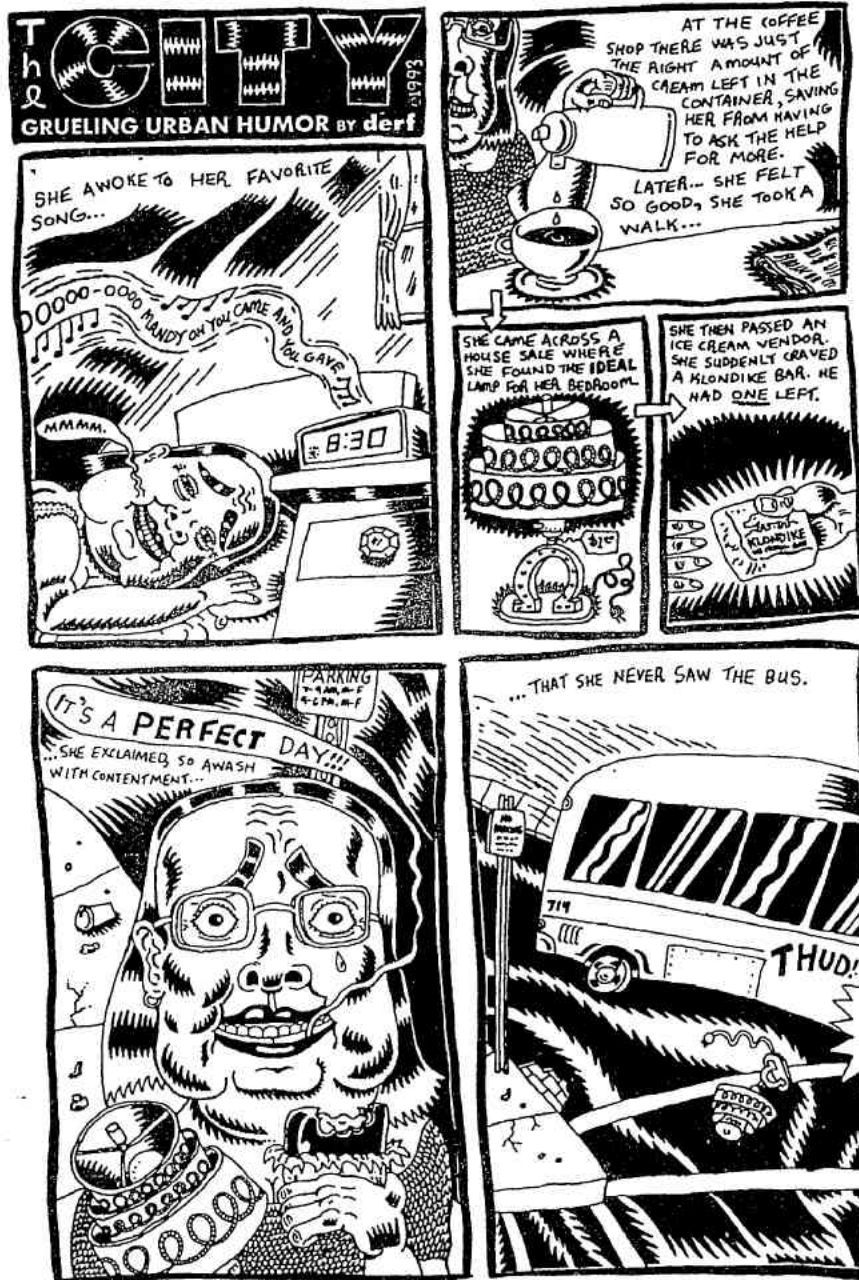
Ray (the rapper) and Anita (she with the bosum that defies gravity) are back with a four-

teen track album that shows the advantages of making albums in the eighties, where all you needed were eight tracks over 35 minutes. The singles, "Tribal Dance", "No Limits" and "Faces" are obvious highlights, as is "Power Age", but after the first side onslaught the second side goes past in a blur.

The Dan Reed Network - Mixing It Up: The Best of the Dan Reed Network (CD)

The God Like Network release a greatest hits album, in the hope that commercial indiffer-

ence in this country will be overcome. I love this band, and urge you to go and buy three copies each. For the existing fan there are new versions of three songs and the "Stardate 1990" b side to interest you. If you are not an existing fan, take a listen to the brilliant "Mix It Up", the delightful "Long Way To Go", with Nuno Bettencourt, the moving acoustic version of "Stronger Than Steel", the powerful remix of "Get To You", the funky "Forgot To Make Her Mine" and the rhythmic "Baby Now I". After that you will love the Dan Reed Network as I do, and there will be another ten tracks on the album to play.

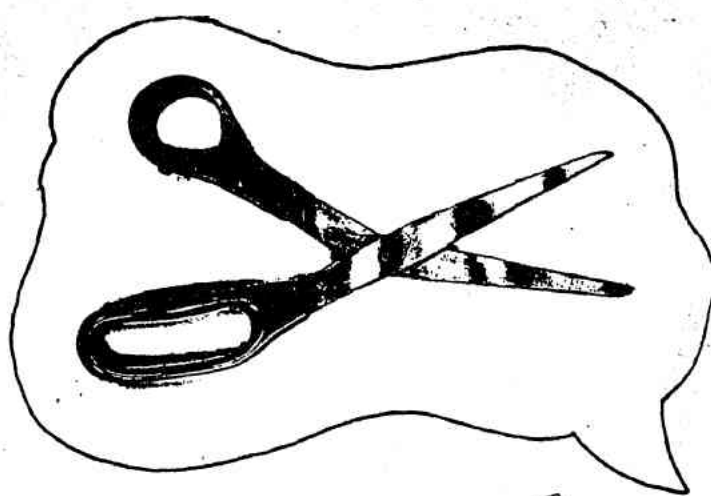


M O V I E S

The Fugitive

Anyone familiar with movies like *Frantic*, *Witness* and *Mosquito Coast* would be aware that Harrison Ford is at his best when he is looking haunted. The Fugitive never really allows Ford to showcase his plethora of acting skills but it does allow him to look justifiably haunted for over two hours. The film is based on a weekly television series of the same name. The series episodes went for about an hour with exciting Neighbour's style climaxes at the end of each one, ensuring that the translated movie has consistent tension and excitement throughout.

It is probably better not to know much of the plot before hand but it is basically the story of Dr Richard Kimble (Ford with a gross beard) a surgeon who after the violent death of his pretty wife is wrongly convicted of murder and sentenced to death. Kimble shaves his beard and goes on the run, pursued by the obsessed detective Gerard (Tommy Lee Jones.) It is Jones's performance which really makes this movie. As Kimble/Ford works on his furrow lines, stopping occasionally to altruistically ease the suffering of those in his path, Gerard's



relationship with his colleagues, danger and the man he pursues are explored. This impressive characterisation ensures the audience are emotionally involved from the beginning of the movie as the artistic but confusing opening scenes do not really convey the endearing qualities of Kimble's still bearded character.

Perhaps the best scenes in the movie, indeed the scenes that justify the existence of this movie, are the chase scenes. A cute cop, just doing his job, pursues Harrison Ford. A cute Harrison Ford, not wanting a job done on him, fleeing. Now Darwinian theory has very clear implications for Hollywood plotlines. Only the very cutest can survive. In this case, masterful casting agents have managed to procure two individuals with personal charisma levels of almost terrifying proportions. The end result?



Uncertainty....suspense.....excitement....but those of you who have left your heart medication at home despair not. The fugitive, perhaps fearing greatness, attempts a last minute complex ending transplant. The result is messy boredom as the movie sensibly rejects its own ending. Go and see it anyway. After all, it would be a bad mistake to chuck the babes out with the bathwater.

SEXPOL REPRESSED BY THE UNION

I want to talk about censorship, and I will begin with the ANU Bar. The management of the ANU Bar have evinced a wish to impose censorship. I confronted Brian and Sam of the ANU Bar management on this issue. It related to the attitude they had to performances on 13/8 and the 16/8 and the subsequent censorship of the band Sexpol in the band competition heat of 20/8/, when the Sexpol act was cut short. Brian and Sam argued 1) that the possibility of crowd violence existed due to these performances, 2) that the Union is being run on a free-enterprise basis, so unpopular acts should receive disqualification and 3) that a large percentage of students there found it unacceptable. I will examine these arguments one at a time.

1) that the possibility of crowd violence existed. This was expressed in the form "half the Bar wanted to kill them (the performers)". In whatever form argument 1) is stated it is weak. Clearly the activities planned and held by the Union of the Australian National University cannot be dictated by street thugs. Thuggery has been opposed in recent years by the management of the ANU union. Sam told me with pride that it was for this reason they had kicked skinheads out of the Bar several years ago as well as banned several heavy metal acts that led to repeated violence on Union premises in 1991.

This I admit my counter argument would apply to Sexpol if they were being thugs. However they were not doing anything even remotely threatening. In fact one of their performances consisted mainly of a video screen.

2) the popularity argument. I have glanced at the constitution of the Union several times in my protracted stay at the ANU. My knowledge is rudimentary; not so rudimentary that I cannot see that argument 2) is unconstitutional. The constitution of the ANU Union states clearly that the Union exists to cater to the needs of students, and not as a profit making organisation. If the Union Board are endorsing an amendment to the constitution, surely it should be raised at a meeting of the Board. Amendments are not to be ratified by management of the ANU Bar as they see fit during Band Competitions.

I agree that the Union has to remain viable. We have to remember why it wants to remain viable, and that is to serve its purpose. Its purpose is to enrich campus life and as part of the ANU serve the student body. This leads me on to the next point.

3) That a large percentage of students present found the Sexpol performance unacceptable. This is management's strongest argument, though it contains

a crucial failing. The argument runs that since students pay for the union (as members), if an activity offends them then they should not have the pleasure of sitting in their Bar spoiled by it taking place. The problem with this argument is that it is too good, and so applies as much to the students who were performing and enjoying the performance as it does to those who disliked it. Management here decided upon an exceedingly vague statistical criteria for determining whether an act would go ahead.

This must be a cop out. I and many other students found the Sumo wrestling offensive and stupid. Women students found the Cider promotion with a woman exposing herself to sell cider offensive and sexist, and the "iron man" event where a megaphone described the joys of college boys eating dog food with vindaloo sauce was offensive and nauseating to anyone trying to eat their lunch in the nearby union. The same has been said about the spewing and histrionics that made up the recent pewter night. The solution isn't hard to come upon. DON'T TURN UP AT THE EVENTS YOU DON'T LIKE. The management should give roughly equal times to different groups. They should plan when activities will be on so that compatible crowds can be present. All this really requires is advertising the events, punters generally

know what they will be getting. In the face of this simple solution, resorting to censorship is an admission of incompetency.

In all it is hard for me to see the discrimination against Sexpol as anything other than a political statement, especially in view of the mild nature of their so called offensive acts. These acts would be thrown out of court if the police were involved, and are tame compared to the likes of Ice "mother fuckin suck my cock" T, Jim Rose and Public Enemy to name just a few who have played at the ANU Union. The band in question are heavily Marxist, and this has no doubt offended the management sensibilities.

I could be wrong about this. The idea of a university is surely what is at stake here regardless¹. A university is a place where the exposure to new ideas and development of varying modes of thought should be paramount. A University should be a place of intellectual discussion and growth and not repression. At the ANU students should learn to think critically amidst a rich interplay of viewpoints. This must include a challenge to entrenched attitudes they hold, even the occasional shock. The Union is not the Private Bin, it is an appendage of the Australia's National University. Imagine if the repressive rules Bar management institute were applied to the University as a

whole. Lecturers would have to make sure they didn't say anything offensive in their lectures, so they might have to skirt material on pornography, sexuality, the body, religion, politics.....at least we would still have analytic philosophy and the Economics and Commerce Faculties the Young Liberals and the ANU Bar.

I want to turn now to the issue of pornography. I have already indicated I believe the actions of ANU bar management were not really to do with the pornography issue, but I will continue on this tact because a person in a position of knowledge, and whose judgement I respect, has forwarded pornography as a central issue in the removal of Sexpol from the stage². The pornography argument, which I believe fails through ill definition, is, regardless, more compelling than the three-fold justification put forward by Sam and Brian.

The pornography argument is simple: all pornography is undesirable and so should be banned. Sexpol were pornographic, so they should be banned. What however is pornography? If we agree to such radical measures against it we must be able to define it. Secondly, why is it undesirable? These two questions must be answered, and I will answer the second one first.

MAX DUPAIN

—DREAMS SENSUOUS AND SURREAL- EXHIBITION REVIEWED

Take Australia's best black and white photographer, collect his works and you have a sure success at the Australian National Gallery. Max Dupain's *Dreams Sensuous and Surreal* includes many of those shown in the *Surrealism - Revolution by Night* exhibition. Inspired by surrealist Man Ray, this exhibition is selected from Dupain's life work of gelatin silver photographs from 1934 to 1992. From his most famous photograph the *Sunbaker*, lost in his own dream world in 1937, the exhibition also includes many other works of note.

Max Dupain's photographs are not only works of art but they also have historical value in capturing wartime Australia in the 1930s. Although many of his photographs studying women and the working class are excluded from the current collection, these photos are available in

the Max Dupain booklet in the gallery shop.

In touring the gallery we are able to see the progression and highlights in Dupain's shifting interest. Following the *Sunbaker*, we can see that Max Dupain was influential in creating the artistic nude, finding intense sculptural beauty in the human form and transforming the flesh under subdued light to resemble polished marble; "Reclining nude" in 1935 and "Hot Rhythm" in 1936. 1937-8 were prolific years of changing styles for Max Dupain. Early in 1937 his work has the distinctive influence of noted surrealist Salvador Dali, in disjointed subversion of realism and fantasy, creating a three-dimensional hologram effect. Particularly of note is "the Group (Greta Lundberg and male)," and especially the "Doom of Youth" 1937, which features

overlapped negatives, with crucified man balanced against the wheel of progress. In 1938, Max Dupain turned to portraiture, incorporating surrealism with ordinary objects. His photograph of his wife, "Metaphysical Compensation between fire and water. Miss Diane Dupain", is particularly fascinating. Not only do we see the mirror used to create reflection and shadows, but on closer inspection it is obvious that the photograph has been cut at least three fold. A thin line of trees are incorporated into the photo of the dressing room, and overhead a curtain of ice is balanced. In 1938 Max Dupain was also employed by David Jones as a commercial photographer to capture the more glamorous fashions of the nineteen thirties. In these photos the influence of Dupain's work at building camouflage war screens can be seen. "Fashion Illustration

for David Jones in 1938", for example, depicts a lady in evening gown juxtaposed against the shadow of a ballet dancer in flight.

In 1939 Max Dupain continued his interest with using artificial lighting at night for dramatic effect, changing the stark architecture of Sydney into beautiful structures so well suited to black and white photography. "City Lights" is an unusual overhead view of Sydney Harbour Bridge, the lanes of cars passing beneath turned into streaks by the overhead lights. "Mosman Bay by Dusk", also deserves a mention. Later in 1939, Dupain returned his attention to the beach front of South Davenport, in subversions of traditional ocean and beach themes, such as in "the Floater".

Unfortunately the Gallery has not included many of

Dupain's later photographs, until those in 1982. In this year Max Dupain directed his attention to still life depictions of magnified flowers, using artificial light to dramatise delicate shapes against a dark background. In 1989-1990, his still life took on (to some), a more morbid interest in combining flowers or his more famous candlelight photographs, with dead or skeletal animals. "Doom by candlelight" in 1989 is the highlight of this series, using a dead magpie on crumpled newspaper lit by candlelight. While Dupain obviously used modern props, it is a timeless photograph.

It must be said that this review does by no means encompass all the highlights of the exhibition, which is a heady inspiration to artists and non-artists alike.

by vivienne mcfaul.

The answer to the first question is one that everyone knows. Pornography exploits and objectifies women. It does this when men look on pornography and see women depicted in a sexually objectified way. This is offensive to women and encourages men to continue to objectify them. I think these answers are right as far as they go; they do not go far enough.

What has to be sorted out in this model is how much of the objectification is inherent in the picture, and how much is projected by the viewers. I do not believe sexual objectification is inherent in any picture. I believe it is projected by the viewers. When we see, for example, a picture, we determine its meaning by trying to understand why it is there. In the absence of any one to tell us (ie: a completely honest author), we have to try and guess why it is there, what purpose it serves.

All we have when we do this is a series of clues. These can be format, location, stated intentions, genre. The reason that in the end it is our projections that determine meaning is that they are all we have to go on. It is our assessment of the clues as we perceive them, not any content in the subject matter that determines meaning. Because it is the clues as we perceive them, it is our

projections that determine meaning.

This bears directly on the first question raised about how to define pornography. It becomes very hard when very similar images to those of pornography are used in art galleries or the work of literary figures such as J.G. Ballard, W. Burroughs, G. Bataille³. It is much easier to say that it is a projected attitude that is important here rather than shared images. In the case of art galleries much of the (possible) verdict that we are not dealing with pornography depends on a bourgeois valorisation of the art gallery at the expense of what - say - mechanics hang on their locker room walls. In the case of the use of women's bodies by authors, much of the (possible) verdict that we are dealing with pornography depends on knowing the gender of the writer. In both cases we have ceased to deal with content.

So pornography has to be defined by a guess at the intentions of the author. We have to agree that there are many prejudices involved in the process of guessing if we agree to this method of interpretation. I have mentioned class prejudices, there are also many others. One important one is religious prejudices. The behaviour of many pro-cen-

sorship lobbyists replicates the prudish or even puritanical beliefs of the Christianity that some of these people claim to reject. The specifics are by the by, the real conclusion is that pornography cannot be defined objectively enough to warrant censorship.

The second conclusion is that a person's interpretation and taste in art is to be respected, especially if it is substantiated by convincing reasons supporting it. Many of those who dislike pornography do have excellent reasons justifying their interpretations. So they have a strong right not to have what they feel is undesirable around them, just as they can decide what pictures to put on their walls at home. Respecting this decision is particularly important in the work place, as my sister who works at the Terminus tavern has often said to me. In this situation she is often exposed to pornographic material.

In terms of the Sexpol debate, it is extremely hard to see what Sexpol did as objectifying women. However in view of my theory of interpretation, I could only argue that the Sexpol performance did not have undesirable traits up to a certain point. Because interpretation is personal I would have to agree to disagree with alternative interpretations of the clues which lead to a differ-

ent meaning of the performance for someone else. This simply brings us back to the argument about being offensive with which I began this article. Someone dislikes Sexpol. I like them. The argument that pluralism that must be encouraged at a University stands.

As concerns the taste of those who work at the ANU Bar, I have admitted that workplace exposure to undesirable material is an important issue. But the ANU is not the Terminus Tavern. Staff who work at the ANU should have to expect that they will be exposed to material they may not like when they take the job. I believe in having venues which host alternative material, in having broad minded venues. I hope we always have them, and I stated reasons why the ANU Bar should be one. If you agree to work in a broad minded venue, you also agree to suspend a degree of sensitivity. Once again, as with students, surely some sort of rooster could be instituted so that no worker is radically offended. Otherwise can't workers air their views and performers listen and discuss the issues? Surely this not impossible and far better than instituting censorship.

We must keep our Universities open to varying ideas. If Universities are sti-

pled I see that future of Australia is a bleak and grey. A battle is already being fought for the minds of university students. The only problem is that if closed-mindedness prevails, society will have no outlets for critical thought, and so in the long run everyone will lose. We will have a society of thinkers who all replicate each other, and we will be a long way from being the "clever country" that the present Government once wanted us to be. We will be so far distant we will be much closer to being the "moronic country". The battle between these futures has already commenced in the ANU Bar.

Gerald

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¹ Newman's *The Idea of A University* is my main source of inspiration. Also, though witness the method scholastics used when first establishing universities. Students would be divided into two groups for and against to encourage critical debate on the matter being taught.

² Though she does not at all agree with my position, I am indebted to comments made by Linda White in a discussion on these points.

³ *Crash, The Ticket That Exploded, The Story Of The Eye*, respectively.

DEFAMATION

How free should a student newspaper be?

Some readers may have been nonplussed to see, in last issue of *Woroni*, a footer on page 7 advertising the SA's new legal service—and informing readers that the page originally contained an article that was removed by the President of the Association, Ms Kath Cummins. The reason given by her was that the article was "defamatory." This claim rests primarily upon Ms Cummins contention that the article defamed *her*.

This is not a commentary on the merits of the censored article. The real story is not the article itself, but the suppression of an entire piece of work. It raises serious questions about the capability of the President to act as censor of the campus' official student newspaper.

The Editors had attempted to run an article entitled "SA Exposure" that contained a detailed criticism of the political performance of President Cummins and her Green Alliance administration. After extensive examination, the article was cleared for publication by the then Director of Student Publications, Simon Starr. The DSP's specific responsibilities included preventing potentially defamatory material from reaching the press. After the paper had been delivered to the printers, the Editors received a phone call informing them that the paper had been stopped on the presses, by order of the President.

In subsequent negotiations the Editors were informed that the President's reason for deleting the article was that it contained defamatory statements that might make the Association subject to costly legal actions, and that as a Trustee of the Association it was her responsibility to

prevent this from happening. To this end, the President has retracted the job of DSP from Simon Starr—she was now herself the official censor of *Woroni*. The Editors offered to remove the more contentious passages and to give President Cummins a right of reply in the same issue, something they have steadfastly refused to extend to any other lesser mortals. The President accepted these terms.

But a few hours later the Editors received another call informing them that President Cummins had decided that even this was unacceptable. The article, she stated, would have to be removed entirely. Further, she had decided to interpret their statement that would probably resign if forced to work with a President who cut articles as she saw fit as an actual resignation. What followed was a four-day fiasco as the President claimed, and the Editors denied, that the Editors had resigned from their jobs.

Finally, rather than printing the paper with the page in question carrying a notice explaining the removal, the article was replaced by a hastily constructed advertisement for the SA's legal services.

One of the basic tools of student political power play is the defamation threat. As student politicians learn very early in their careers, defamation is an easy threat to make (see inset box), and most students don't have the resources to get opinions on their rights. As a consequence, each year there are many threats of legal action, considerably fewer lawyers' letters, one or two payouts, and, to the best of my knowledge, there has never been an actual court hearing over defamation on the ANU campus.



Ominous Parallels: Jon Coroneos (left) and Kath Cummins.

Nonetheless, the Students' Association has an officer charged with monitoring the material published in *Woroni*. This officer is known as the Director of Student Publications, and, as Simon Starr discovered, they hold office at the pleasure of the President. Their role is to monitor *Woroni* to prevent the publication of anything that is sexist, racist or defamatory. As President Cummins had not bothered to personally clear any other piece of work, letter, cartoon or article that appeared in *Woroni* this year, it can be assumed that she trusted the judgement of Mr Starr in these matters. This changed when the article appeared, prominently featuring criticism of her.

This sets a poor precedent; the President delegated authority over the content of *Woroni*, then without warning took back that power. More particularly, she resumed that power over a specific single article. What is the point of having a DSP exercising delegated control if the President has no intention of letting them exercise their control in an independent fashion?

Traditionally, the DSP's role in censoring sexist, racist or defamatory material has been understood in two ways. On the one hand, the screening of sexist

and racist material is usually seen as a way of guaranteeing that the paper uphold a standard of political sensibility. As has been argued in the past, the fact that the popular press is often sexist or racist is no argument for *Woroni* to retain those low standards. Debate over this aspect of the DSP's role has historically been the most contentious, centering as it does on issues of free speech and political sensibility.

On the alternative understanding, the powers relating to defamation exist simply to keep the Association out of court; that is to say, any time somebody threatens the Association with a defamation claim. Of course, the only people who ever do so are those who use defamation threats as a tool.

However, the experience of the last few years has demonstrated that defamation is no longer simply a legal safeguard; it instead become a vehicle for the protection of the sensibilities of prominent campus political figures. This transition became apparent in 1990, when Liberal President Jonathan Coroneos stopped *Woroni* on the presses over material that he alleged was defamatory, using this as leverage to guarantee the publication of certain items. In more than one

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by David Sutton

way, President Cummins' actions mirror those of Coroneos.

If we examine the reasons given to the Woroni Editors for the removal of the article, another similarity with recent practice emerges: the technique of claiming to be the [redacted] interpreter of "the interests of the Association." This particular technique was developed by the other memorable Liberal President, Liz O'Leary. Her argument went as follows (see if you can keep up): she was a Trustee. As such, she was obliged not to act in ways that were contrary to the financial interests of the Association. Because she was obliged to not do anything that might damage the Association, she therefore had the power to do all things that she decided were positively beneficial, [redacted]

[redacted] (With me so far?) [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] The same 'logic' is used in President Cummins' claim that censorship of material critical of her is justified because *she* [redacted] is acting in the interests of the Association.

Another aspect of the situation is that her treatment of the supposedly defamatory material was questionable. It seems unlikely that even President Cummins believed that the article, in its entirety, every word, was defamatory. The normal method of dealing with defamatory material in *Woroni* is to black out the offending passages. Yet the President chose to remove the entire article, leaving nothing. Worse, she then replaced it with an item of her own choosing. This she is not permitted to do—the regulations specifically empower the Editors and only the Editors to insert material in the paper.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the whole affair is its implications for a free press on campus. President Cummins stated at a recent General Meeting that *Woroni* is not a free press, but rather an 'official newspaper' of the Association. She asserted this position to justify her belief that she has control over the newspaper. [redacted]

[redacted] Even without these rules, however, her position is still flawed: contrary to her own belief, the President does not constitute the sole interpreter of the interests of the Association.

All of this should, however, be irrelevant. Surely it is axiomatic that a student newspaper must be free from political

interference. The ability to criticise elected representatives is fundamental to reasonable political debate, and that cannot happen without information and opinion. *Woroni* may not be the bastion of truth; nor that of journalistic integrity. What it is, and should remain, is a forum for student opinion, and not solely one student's opinions.

A STUDENTS' GUIDE TO DEFAMATION

by our legal correspondent

Rule 1: all student polities commit defamation daily—it's just that it is trivial. 'Defamation' strictly understood, is very easy to commit, as you'll see below.

Defamation is a tort—that is, it is a legal demand raised by one person claiming that another has harmed them personally (by publishing nasty things about them). It is not a crime: it is not 'illegal', and no-one will prevent its occurrence. Nor it is a ground for stopping events; it is a process by which the aggrieved person can claim for recompense. Of course, where the person claiming to be the victim finds out about an intended publication in advance, the threat of legal action is often enough to frighten off the defamer from publishing.

To get to the point, defamation involves a person claiming that another has published to one (or more) other people *material* which *identifies and refers* to them, and which involves *imputations* which *damage their reputation* in the community.

The nasty imputations can be by way of innuendo—so arguing that you made the statement semantically ambiguous won't get you off, if some readers understand what you're implying. Also, statements which are understood only by people with special knowledge are not OK just because some, or even most, people wouldn't understand.

(By the way, defamation applies to spoken words as well as to writing, but obviously it usually comes up in relation to newspaper articles and other widely published writings.)

In the case of a newspaper, *all those involved* in the

production—article writers, editors, official publishers, and printers—are equally liable to the 'victim'.

And the victim doesn't have to show that the statements were false, or that they caused her any actual financial or personal suffering—only that the publicity had the tone of being a slight on their reputation. For instance, when you said that Jo Bloggs was a liar, Jo doesn't need to show that anyone actually believed it or changed their view of Jo—the statement is plainly defamatory on its own.

There are a couple of defences to defamation, but they require the defamer to prove a difficult case. *Justification* requires the demonstration of a very strict notion of truth—hence it doesn't have a lot to do with public commentaries.

The defence of *Fair comment* is a bit easier. It requires showing that the comment—and it must be recognisable as a *comment*, not an assertion of fact—was based on proven *facts*, and relates to a *matter of public interest*. You must also show that a *reasonable person* could hold that opinion based on the proven facts—ie: bizarre opinions will not do just because they are your opinion. Imputations of corruption or dishonourable conduct must also be *reasonable opinions*, as well as being possibly held by reasonable persons (I'm sure you can see the difference.)

Well, that's about all. One last point: lawyers are bloodsucking scum. I can say this because no individual lawyer would bother to sue me. Never overlook the practicalities.

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